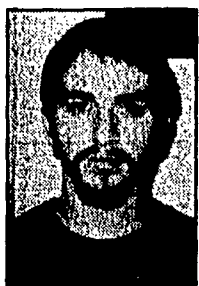


Arrests shock community

The suspects

Age: 20
Hometown: Lee's Summit
Major: International business



Philip Baldwin

Age: 2
Hometown: Kansas City
Major: Broadcasting



Brian Campbell

Age: 2
Hometown: Ravenwood
Occupation: Constiction, former Northwest student



Travis Canon

Students admit part in robbery

by Jacob DiPietro
Special Assignments Reporter

The two Northwest students arrested Monday and charged with the 1997 murder of a 56-year-old convenience store clerk have confessed to robbery but said Travis Canon pulled the trigger.

Brain Campbell, junior broadcasting major, Philip Baldwin, junior international business major, and Travis Canon, former Northwest student, have been charged with first degree murder, armed criminal action, unlawful use of a weapon and first degree robbery.

In an affidavit filed on Monday, Campbell and Baldwin told the Missouri Highway Patrol and Gary Howard, Andrew County sheriff, they participated in the robbery with Canon, but he shot the clerk, Gracie Hixson, twice.

The affidavit gave no explanation for either the robbery or shooting.

Bond for the three men has been set at \$1 million each. Campbell and Baldwin are in custody in the Andrew County jail while Canon has been moved to Buchanan County.

Howard said it is common practice to transfer prisoners between the two jails.

Gracie Hixson, a grandmother from Fillmore, was found around 4 a.m. Oct. 12 at the Shop & Hop convenience store located about 15 miles south of Maryville at the junction of U.S. Highway 71 and Missouri Route B.

Suspects' friends cope with unexpected jailings

by Lindsey Corey
News Editor

Friends have expressed shock since Monday's arrest of two Northwest students in connection with last year's murder of Gracie Hixson, but they are not surprised the two told authorities former student Travis Canon pulled the trigger.

"I think he's capable of it," one of Canon's ex-girlfriends said. "He's been in a lot of trouble before and it's scary, but I can see him doing it."

Philip Baldwin and Brian Campbell said in an affidavit filed Monday they were involved with the robbery of Midway's Shop & Hop convenience store, but it was Canon who shot night-clerk Hixson twice.

Still, the signed confessions were not enough to convince Canon's family of his guilt.

"I don't believe it, of course," Travis's mother Margie Canon said. "If you ask anyone, they'd say he was the perfect child. He was even in the D.A.R.E. program."

Margie was able to visit her son in Buchanan County Jail Tuesday and said he was doing well.

"He said he didn't do it and thinks he'll get out," Margie said.

However, she is still weary.

"I just don't trust the system, because it has failed us before," she said. "I really think he's innocent, but if they are guilty, they need to be punished."

When the news came, friends of Campbell, Baldwin and Canon gathered in disbelief to try to sort things out and comfort one another.

"When I've heard about cases like this in the past, I've always felt for the victims. Now I know what it's like to be on the other side," said Lori Farnan, friend and former classmate of Canon.

Many refuse to believe their friends could be associated with murder charges.

"Knowing him (Campbell) the way I do, I can't picture him doing anything like that, and until somebody can prove it to me or he tells me, it's impossible," said Wendy Broker, a broadcasting and journalism major who dated Campbell during high school. "There's been a lot of talking between friends. It's a constant support group."

Campbell and Baldwin were members of the Fellowship of Tower Gaming Society.

"You don't ever consider some-

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nience store located about 15 miles south of Maryville at the junction of U.S. Highway 71 and Missouri Route B.

Police are not releasing why the three suspects are in custody or their motive.

However, Ben Espey, Nodaway County sheriff, said a search warrant to find the murder weapon was obtained from David Baird, Nodaway County prosecuting attorney, and served at a residence in Ravenwood, where Canon is from.

Espey said nothing was recovered and, as of press time, no murder weapon had been found.

Although no weapon has been found Jerry Biggs, Andrew County prosecuting attorney, said he still feels he has a strong case.

"The investigators did a real good job," Biggs said. "There are compelling cases against each of them."

Campbell and Baldwin were both arrested Monday on campus. Andrew County sheriff deputies were escorted on campus by Campus Safety officers. The officers arrested Baldwin in his French class and found Campbell in his residence hall room. Canon was arrested in St. Joseph while working at a construction site.

University President Dean Hubbard said he was saddened by the developments in the case but was pleased Campus Safety assisted in the investigation and apprehension of the suspects.

Since the murder Jim Marcum, owner of the Shop & Hop, has taken steps to deter further criminal acts.

Additions like metal bars on the windows and a new video camera system were installed. Also, Marcum changed the store hours and altered the schedule to include two employees on duty after 8 p.m.

Glen Zahnd, Andrew County circuit judge, set a preliminary hearing for 9 a.m. Dec. 9 in Savannah.

Families and friends

The following are quotes about Brian Campbell, Philip Baldwin and Travis Canon:

"I love Brian with all my heart, and I'll stand by him through the whole thing."

■ Kim Wall, Campbell's girlfriend

"(Baldwin) was trying to help himself out and whoever says they wouldn't turn in their friends hasn't been faced with first-degree murder charges."

■ Joe Jackson, computer management systems major

"I don't believe it, of course. If you ask anyone, they'd say he was the perfect child. He was even in the D.A.R.E. program."

■ Margie Canon, Travis's mother

"I think he's capable of it. He's been in a lot of trouble before and it's scary, but I can see him doing it."

■ one of Canon's ex-girlfriends

Victim's relatives plan to attend trial

by Lindsey Corey
News Editor

Gracie Hixson's daughters did not have the opportunity to say goodbye, and her granddaughter never said hello.

Hixson, 56, was murdered Oct. 12, 1997, while working the late shift at Midway's Shop & Hop convenience store. Two months later, Grace Ellen Owens was born.

"It's still hard to face that she's not here," Hixson's daughter Nancy Owen of Maryville said. "My kids will never know their grandmother and that's one of the hardest things."

Hixson, of Fillmore, left behind a husband, Clyde, of 36 years, four children and six grandchildren. Owens said the family will be represented well during the trial of St. Joseph construction worker Travis Canon and Northwest students Philip Baldwin and Brian Campbell. Owens said Monday's arrests were a welcome surprise since she had come to the realization that her mother's killer may never be found.

"It's a sense of relief," she said. "We'll have better closure once the trial's over, but it is another step in the ladder. This is round two and now we will at least have answers."

Hixson worked the night-shift at the store for seven and a half years. Owens described her as a night owl who loved her job and was never afraid to go to work in the desolate area. Still, Owens said "we all worried." Owens said there was only one time her mother did not want to go to work.

"It wasn't that she was sick or anything, she just didn't feel like going in and that was very unusual for her," Owens said. "That was the night it happened."

Hixson's other daughter, Jamie Hall, was living in Illinois at the time of the death and said that wasn't the only out-of-the-ordinary occurrence that day. She said she was very close to her mother, and being best friends, they "always had a sort of psychic bond." Hall said when something was wrong, one of them would call "just feeling things weren't right."

"I woke up and sat straight up in bed," Hall said. "When I looked at my alarm clock it said 3:27 that morning and I had a bad feeling."

But this time Hall did not call to check on her mother. Authorities put the time of death at between 3:30 and 3:45 a.m. Those who knew her remember Hixson as a generous, kind-hearted person.

"She'd give the clothes off her back if she thought someone needed them worse than her," Hall said. "Mom was simple, country folk."

The family has coped with the loss by spending time together. Hall moved to Bolckow one month after the murder to be closer to her father and siblings.

"We've really been there for each other," Owens said. "We talk about her a lot, and we cry and it helps."

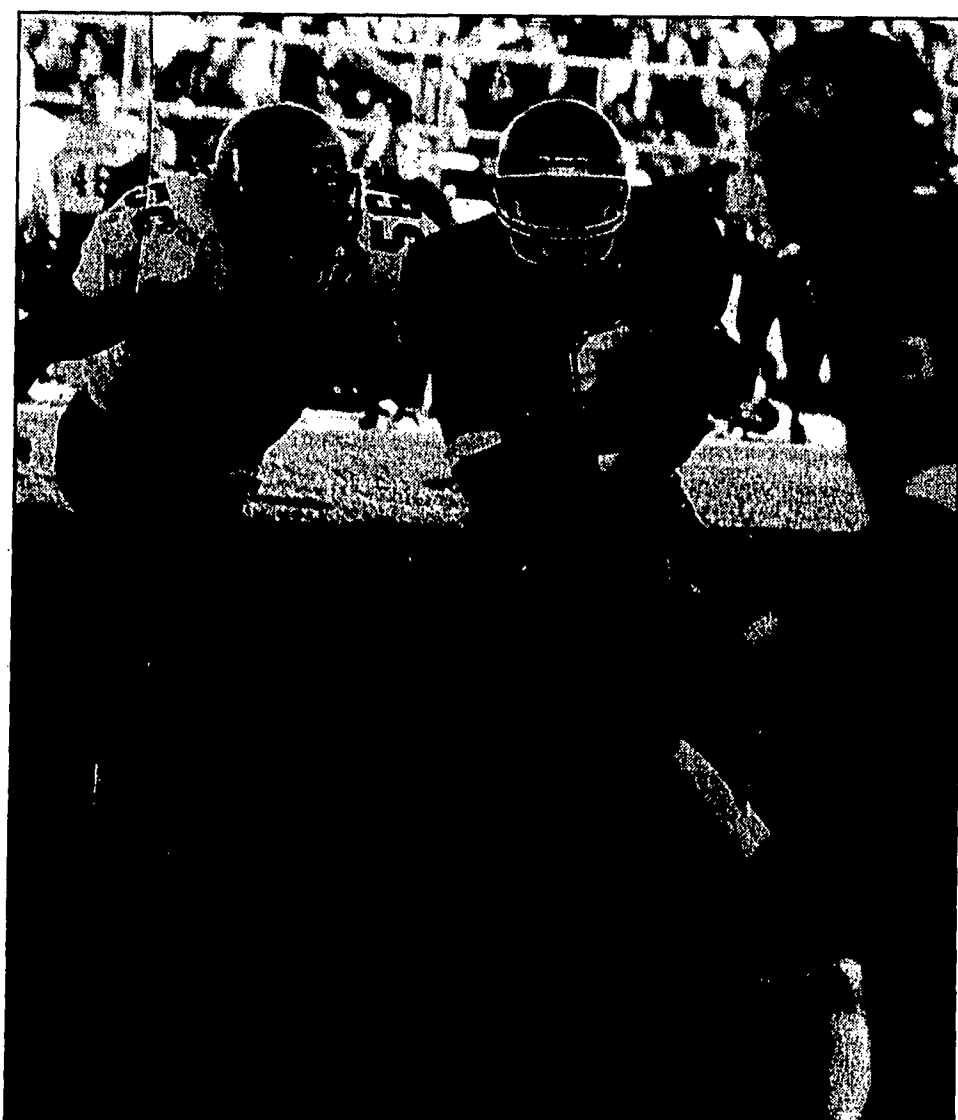
Neither sister said she is scared or worried about attending the trial; rather, the two look forward to it.

Hall said her only fear is that justice will not prevail.

"I'm worried they will plea bargain the case down to nothing," Hall said. "That's not going to happen. It can't."

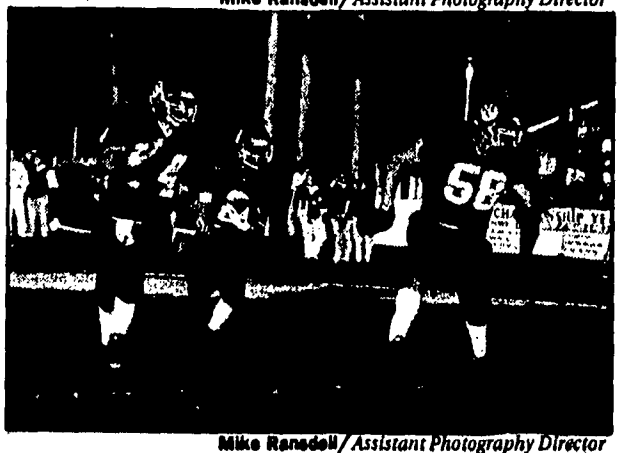


Courtesy of Nancy Owens
Bottom left Nancy Owens, Gracie Hixson, Clyde Hixson, top row Clyde Hixson II, Jamie Hall, Rusty Hixson. Gracie was murdered Oct. 12, 1997 while working at Shop & Hop.



Bearcat wide receiver Scott Courte catches his only pass during the Emporia State game on Saturday. Courte, a native of Maryville, was named to the third-team Academic All-District. Courte has a 3.8 GPA as a corporate wellness/parks and recreation management major.

With blockers Chris Grelson and Andy Erpelidg out in front, wide receiver Seneca Holmes runs for a 35-yard touchdown. Holmes and the Bearcats will start the playoffs against the University of Nebraska-Omaha Saturday.



Mike Ranedell/Assistant Photography Director

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The road to Florence starts in Maryville

Bearcats prepare to battle UNO Mavericks in first round of NCAA playoffs Saturday

by Collin McDonough
Contributing Reporter

After finishing the regular season with a perfect 11-0 mark, the Northwest football team takes aim at another perfect mark — 4-0.

The first step to the NCAA Division II championship comes in the form of the University of Nebraska-Omaha football squad at noon Saturday at Rickenbrode Stadium.

This is familiar territory for both teams. It marks the third time the teams have met in the NCAA Division II playoffs — the first coming in 1984, when the Mavericks knocked off the Bearcats 28-15. Then in 1996, the Bearcats rallied behind Jesse Haynes' one-hand catch as the clock expired to clinch the victory, 22-21.

Head coach Mel Tjeerdsma remembers the last time the teams met.

"That was a fun game," Tjeerdsma said. "We made mistakes, and they made mistakes. Both teams were very tight because it was the first playoff games for both in a long time. This time I expect it to be a much better played game."

Senior center Steve Coppinger said this game will be different from the last meeting between the Mavericks and Bearcats.

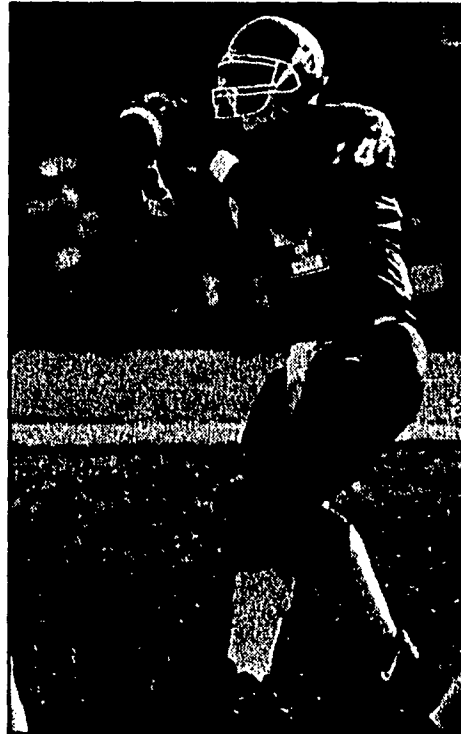
"For me, the last time was the first time of being in the playoffs, and I was just a sophomore," Coppinger said. "Now that I've got two years experience, I've got a feel for what is expected."

Tjeerdsma said the past two years of participating in the playoffs is going to play a big role Saturday.

"Experience is a plus for us," Tjeerdsma said. "They've played in only one playoff game, and we've played in four. It's a different atmosphere in the playoffs. You lose and there's no reprieve."

The Mavericks' senior quarterback Ed Thompson ran for over 1,000 yards and passed for over 1,000 yards for the second straight season.

"More than the stats, he has a real com-



Jennifer Meyer/Photography Director
Senior quarterback Chris Grelson takes a snap from senior center Steve Coppinger against Emporia State Saturday. Grelson was named to the MIAA Football First Team, and also named Offensive Most Valuable Player. Northwest won the game 69-33.

mand of the offense," Tjeerdsma said. "All the players have confidence in him to lead them."

Senior linebacker Aaron Crowe said the UNO quarterback is similar to Missouri Southern's Brad Cornelison, who the Bearcats bottled up earlier this season.

"(Thompson) is like Cornelison because he's pretty quick, and he makes plays happen," Crowe said. "They are going to run it at us until we can stop it. I think we'll do just

fine, though."

Nebraska-Omaha's other offensive weapon is senior wide receiver MarTay Jenkins, Tjeerdsma said.

"He's a big play guy," Tjeerdsma said. "He can hurt you with the passing game or on a reverse. They try every game to get him a reverse, and he has made big plays on those."

Tjeerdsma said the key to the game lies in how the Bearcats' defense can slow down the Maverick's rushing offense.

"Defensively, we have to slow down the run, because we can't let them run the football," Tjeerdsma said. "We have to force them into punts so our offense can get on the field. If we let them control the football that is going to be that much tougher on us."

The loser of the game will be forced to play the winner in the first game next season.

Nebraska-Omaha and Northwest have agreed on a home-and-home series between the two schools, and it is the first game on the schedule in 1999.

Tjeerdsma said he hopes this turns into a yearly battle, because it would be good for both schools.

"It's a little bit of a rivalry now, because a number of our kids are from their area," Tjeerdsma said. "And the players they have are from that same area. It would be great to have that rivalry."

The winner of Saturday's contest will play the winner of the North Dakota-Northern Colorado battle.

"I feel sorry for both of those schools, because they have to prepare for the same team for the second straight week," Tjeerdsma said. "When I was coaching in Texas, we had to play teams twice in a season but never back-to-back games. I can't imagine how tough that is. It's really tough on the team that wins because it's tough to beat a team twice in a row, especially a good team twice."

Our View

Questions remain, divide community

The world has shown us within the last week that the unthinkable can happen at anytime.

After dealing with the incredible loss the Arn family and St. Joseph community experienced last Thursday, the Northwest community has been dealt yet another event to grieve.

On Monday, three males were arrested and charged for the murder of Gracie Hixson, a Shop and Hop worker who was murdered October 12, 1997. The case might have finally been solved, yet many unanswered questions still linger.

We still don't know what happened or how it happened. Time will answer those questions. But the question that may never be answered is the most important. We don't know why it happened.

How can it be that three Northwest students supposedly drove up to the Midway gas station and left alleged killers?

Their lives seemed pretty normal to the naked eye. Philip Baldwin and Brian Campbell were involved students at Northwest. Both were members of the Fellowship of Tower Gaming Society.

During the last two years, Campbell was a member of KDLX, the campus radio station, Radio-

Television News Director Association and North Complex Hall Council.

Baldwin stayed busy in his course work and had plans to get involved in student government. Travis Canon, worked as a construction worker in St. Joseph. They are all 20 years old and currently in jail, on a \$1 million dollar bond.

A sad story that gets worse. The Hixson family has grieved its loss without any explanations. For them, the questions are not over, but just beginning.

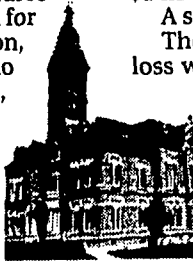
Now, with the search coming to an end with suspects in custody, it leaves the community wondering.

A community, which should be helping the families of the suspects and the victims deal with their grief, is failing miserably.

At the heart of the matter lies rumors and falsities that prove, instead of dealing with the grief, we are adding to it.

We as a community must be stronger than the rumor mill. We must stand above the lies and hear-say and look at the facts as they come to us.

Most important, we need to talk as a community and as friends to build a support system and work through the grief and anger affecting our lives.



Viewpoint

Mozingo improvements continue through winter



David Middleton

Lake, golf course offer variety of activities for students and citizens

In March of this year, I changed the direction of my work and went from street superintendent to the superintendent of Mozingo Park and Lake maintenance.

My first summer at the lake has been a learning experience. Some of our accomplishments this year have been the installation of approximately two miles of an asphalt roadway into the entrance of the park, the establishment of an information booth and the construction of two new shelter houses, one of which was donated by the Pride Lions Club and built near the city boat ramp, the other was donated by the Kiwanis Club and built overlooking the golf course. The Masonic Lodge donated funds for the construction of seven more concrete pads in the R.V. park.

One of the biggest events of the year was the Fourth of July celebration at the lake. This was its second year and looks to become a tradition. Besides the people in the park, which consisted of approximately 2,000 car loads, there were about 50 to 60 boats on the lake to watch the fireworks.

In addition, Northwest Missouri State University and Maryville R-II High School conducted three cross country meets this fall. All competitions were held in the dam spillway where the maintenance crews had mowed the trails. This turned out to be a very good place for the competitions, as the parents and spectators could actually stand on top of the hill and watch the runners compete.

The Department of Conservation

also finished its projects this summer: a handicapped access fishing dock with a shelter house and privies, a double boat ramp with a fish cleaning station, privies and enough parking for 60 cars and trailers, plus handicap parking for boaters. Two more sites on the north end of the park were completed, one was a small, one boat ramp and privy and the other a 10 car parking lot for people to park and nature walk or hunt.

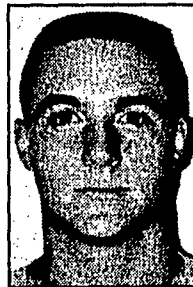
Future plans include the construction of a 30 foot by 130 foot building to be used by the water patrol and maintenance department for storage of equipment, transplanting trees throughout the park and building more black top roadways. In addition, plans are being made for a youth camp/education area, as well as working on receiving funding from grants for the construction of horse trails and walking trails. The walking trails will be open to the public by the spring of 1999.

Working at Mozingo Lake Park is very rewarding. Every day is a new challenge, and the continuing development of the park is a reality we are all looking forward to. All of us who work at Mozingo are striving to provide the best facility available to the citizens of Maryville. We take great pride in our accomplishments and look forward to what lies ahead. With the continued support of the city, the citizens and different organizations, Mozingo Lake Park can only keep getting better.

David Middleton is the Mozingo Park maintenance superintendent

It's Your Turn

What was your reaction to the arrest of two Northwest students in relation to the Hixson murder case?



"It's a big surprise and a shock, it is hard to believe, they pity much kept to themselves and never talked to anyone on the floor."

Andrew Whitaker, undecided major



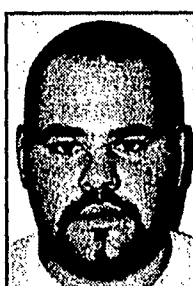
"I was shocked, I was surprised, I saw him in his room, and all he did was hang around. I never thought he would do something like that."

Tony Sacchan, accounting major



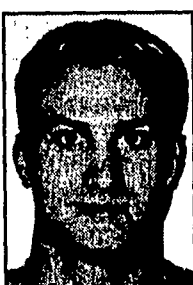
"I thought it was a shocker because he lives on my floor and I see him all the time. You can't judge a book by its cover."

Brian Boob, marketing major



"I was frightened and thankful the men had been caught."

Geoff Nell, pre-law major



"It blows my mind that someone who lives that close to me could be a murderer. I didn't know him personally but I guess crazy things happen."

Nick Peasley, geography major



"I am shocked by the information but not the murderers are people you know"

Gary Bolln, computer science major



"I was kind of shocked that someone was getting charged for now."

Matt Armstrong, journalism major

Those asked to answer this question were hallmates of Northwest students Brian Campbell and Philip Baldwin, arrested Monday suspects in the Gracie Hixson murder of Oct. 12 1997.

My Turn

Fan support needed to continue winning teams

It was quite a weekend for sports at Northwest last weekend, and some of our teams got big wins.

There is no doubt the football team has won the hearts of its fans, going a 11-0 for a second straight year and winning its third straight MIAA title.

The basketball team isn't too shabby either. Last season, the Bearcats went 23-7 and earned an MIAA championship as well. Then, on Saturday night the Bearcats started this year's season with a win over Benedictine College.

But if you were to keep track of fan support, the men's basketball team lost by a wide margin.

The estimated crowd at Saturday afternoon's football game between the Bearcats and the Emporia State Hornets was 7,500 — a full-capacity crowd at Rickenbrode Stadium.

Then, about three hours later, the men's basketball season tipped off in front of a mere 1,000 fans at Bearcat Arena. Granted, Bearcat Arena is not nearly big enough to hold 7,500 people for a basketball game, but the estimated attendance for the basketball game was much less than half of Bearcat Arena's capacity.

Maybe the numbers were so different because the football team was competing against another top-ranked team in a championship-caliber game, while the basketball team was playing against a lesser known school, and the season was just beginning.

No matter what the reasons are, the basketball team is not going to have similar successes of the football team without a boost in fan support this year.

Head basketball coach Steve Tappemeyer told me this himself last week.

"A big part of our success, if we're going to be successful, is what kind of atmosphere we can generate in Bearcat Arena," Tappemeyer said. "We'll have to go on the road and strap it on and go against people in some pretty hostile environments. We need to create that here. A rowdy crowd can make about eight or 10 points difference in a win."

I learned first hand what fan support can do for a team at Olathe South High School. And Bearcat forward Marcus Glenn might be able to back me up because he played his high school ball at South's cross-town rival Olathe East.

At South, our boy's basketball team made three straight trips to the 6A Kansas State basketball tournament and two straight trips to the championship game. The team went 23-1 in 1996, losing the championship game and finally winning it all in 1997.

The team didn't make it there without arguably the greatest fans in the state of Kansas. We were rowdy. We taunted the opposing players and 90 percent of us didn't have a voice when the game was over.

There is no question in my mind that a rowdy atmosphere, like the one we had at Olathe South and the one we currently have at Bearcat football games, creates an awesome atmosphere for the home team to play in.

The football team has had another stellar season and their tremendous fan support must continue for the team to do well in the playoffs. But the Bearcat basketball team isn't going to repeat its MIAA championship season unless the Rickenbrode Rowdies bring their wild crew over to Bearcat Arena too.

Mark Hornickel is the sports editor for The Northwest Missourian.

Letters to the Editor

Efforts praised

Dear Editor,

Speechless ... one word to describe my feelings right now. Tears ... another. I was absolutely astonished when I went to drop off a bag of canned food at the Environmental Services Building on campus. Anyone else who was there would probably agree with me in that the generosity shown by Maryville residents and Northwest students, faculty and staff in the Honduras Relief Effort was amazing! I could not believe the mounds of clothing, cleaning supplies, food items and the like that had been donated. I even heard one worker say that they were worried that all of the donated goods were not going to fit in the trailer of a Northwest semitruck! What a wonderful problem to have!

We are so fortunate to live in a country where the majority of people enjoy the "luxuries" of clean water, roofs over our heads and food on our tables. An effort such as this is one of the ways we can spread our good fortune.

I just wanted to thank and congratulate everyone who made donations and who helped out with this project. Your outpouring of goodwill will someday be returned to you!

Tricia Tuttle
graduate student

Equality in system

Dear Editor,

I found it rather interesting that there was such an uproar in the *Missourian* last week about the Missouri football playoff system. I am a former Platte County High School football player ('95 grad) who happened to witness the district system firsthand. My freshman year (1991 season) I was part of an undefeated Platte County team (9-0) that came to Maryville and got beat by the Spoofhounds, who ended the

season at 5-5 or 6-4, I believe). More recently, I watched another undefeated Platte County team get beat by Maryville two years ago.

How convenient that there was an absence of editorials denouncing the playoff system in the Maryville papers in the weeks following those games. The bottom line is that teams must perform in the district games. The playoffs, in effect, may start a week or two earlier. Even with a different system, you might have two great teams meet each other before they really should.

My senior year, we were 11-0 going into a game against 11-0 Odessa in the state quarterfinals. Should we have been playing in the state championship game instead? Maybe, but the fact is in high school football you have to play your heart out every week, especially toward the end of the season. This isn't the NFL we're talking about, where there are so many meaningless games at the end of the regular season.

The great aspect of the district system, and high school football, is that it allows teams who play hard when it counts to advance. I understand how the Spoofhounds feel, as I, and my teammates, were in their shoes at various times in the past. But the fact is, if the Platte County or Maryville teams we both "boo-hoo" over were really that good they would still be playing. Even if both teams play their hearts out, there has to be a winner and a loser sometime. And when you look at recent history, the Spoofhounds have benefited as well as suffered from the district system.

Ben Prell
political science major

Articles criticized

Dear Editor,

I'm writing in response to two articles in last week's edition by Jennifer Meyer and Mark Hornickel, whose articles dealt with Maryville being "cheated" out of the state playoffs.

Not only did Miss Meyer's article lower the standards of herself and her paper by using profanity, both articles were equally misleading and, in my opinion, wrong.

First of all, Maryville did have a chance to compete for the state championship, but they lost. They were not cheated, just beat by a better team that day.

The columns both stated Maryville didn't get a chance to play for the state title, but district's ARE the state playoffs. Why should Maryville get a free pass to the state title?

The columns both seemed to think Maryville deserved a title shot just because of regular season record, but what about teams that play tougher schedules or play bigger schools all year long?

Take 2A, District 16, for example. Trenton entered districts with a 2-5 record; LeBlond entered with a 5-2 record.

Under your theory, LeBlond should advance to the state playoffs, but they were dominated by Trenton and were clearly the lesser team. Why? LeBlond played mainly 1A schools all season long and Trenton played state ranked 2A teams for most of the season.

Cameron, winless going into districts, played schools that were bigger all season, but gave Trenton their best game in district play.

What upsets me the most about the articles was that they complained, yet gave no solution to the problem.

The articles both blamed MSHSAA for Maryville not advancing into the playoffs when Chillicothe was the real reason Maryville didn't advance.

Anybody still upset about the playoff system, don't waste your time writing MSHSAA. This is the same system they use in every sport and they aren't going to change it just because one school can't win the big game. Save your time and e-mail me instead. kempers@asde.com

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Counselors help cope

by Erica Smith

Editor in Chief

The arrests of three suspected murderers may have left friends and family trapped in turmoil.

Northwest Counseling Center Director Liz Wood likened the emotional confusion resulting from the arrest of construction worker Travis Canon and Northwest students Brian Campbell and Philip Baldwin to the grief process.

"I think that understanding that people are going to have a lot of different reactions is critical, and if we look at it in the context of grief reaction, then the first thing people are going to experience is shock and denial," Wood said.

Anger, bargaining, actual grief and resolution are the next steps in the process. Wood said one of the best things people can do is talk.

"There are two different kinds of talking that need to go on," she said. "One is the talking with your friends and peers and getting a lot of that emotion out. The other part of talking is being involved with somebody that is not directly connected. Whether it's talking to a counselor

who can help you sort through your feelings or talking to some other adult — a hall director, your adviser, your minister. I think that it's really important to get some kind of help in managing those emotions."

Wood also recommended becoming involved in volunteer work, to "make a contribution to something good in the face of something that's just terrible."

She said everyone must take steps to work past this situation, but must also remember they will forever be affected by it.

"The thing to keep in mind is I don't think anybody is ever going to be the same," Wood said. "It can't happen. The hopeful thing, and it's really hard to talk about hopeful at a time like this, but the hopeful thing is that people will have grown and learned and will have a different kind of peace as a result of it."

Wood said research indicates the grieving process lasts at least a year.

"It's almost as though you have to pass the anniversary date of whatever the event that happened before you can really, really get through it," she said. "A lot of time when we're working, particularly with young

people who are grieving, they keep saying, 'I should be over this by now. I don't understand, it's been a whole month.' I'm sorry, but that whole month is nothing in terms of what you're going to experience."

The Counseling Center has created emergency slots to help people deal with the shock of the arrests. Wood said the arrests of the students have affected the Northwest community and left a lot of questions.

"The one question that people are going to be asking the most is why did this happen," Wood said. "And I think that's really what's so difficult, that it just can't be answered at a time when you want to put some sanity back in the world and have a concrete answer. You just can't do it."

Wood said lessons can be learned from the situation.

"No. 1, you don't always know what's going on in somebody's life," Wood said. "And you need people. That you need people to share sorrow as well as joy."

The Counseling Center, 120 Wells Hall, is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. To set up an appointment, call 562-1220.

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thing like this," John Edwards, FOT vice president, said. "I mean, these guys are a pretty good bunch."

Campbell, a broadcasting major, was also a member of North Complex Hall Council and KDLX. He was on the promotions staff and had two on-air shifts.

"I really liked him on and off-air," said Ruth Biswell, psychology major and KDLX Web director. "He went to a lot of remotes and was really dedicated."

Baldwin, an international business major, was a Boy Scout and had plans to join student government next semester, friends said.

Joe Jackson, Northwest student, has known Baldwin for six years and lived with him two years ago.

"I remember he took the ACT and got a 31 the first time," Jackson said. "He had a bright future and could have gone anywhere."

Jackson, who worked with Baldwin during high school, said he learned a great deal from Baldwin and got him involved with computer games and a new style of music.

"He didn't take anything at face value," Jackson said. "That's why I liked him. He wasn't a follower, and he was different."

Jackson said people calling Baldwin and Campbell "narcis" for placing the blame on Canon can't possibly understand the situation.

"He was trying to help himself out and whoever says they wouldn't turn in their friends hasn't been faced with first-degree murder charges," Jackson said. "If they say they wouldn't turn a friend in, they're stupid."

The students closest to the accused said they will support them despite the extreme circumstances.

"I love Brian with all my heart, and I'll stand by him through the whole thing," said Kim Wall, Campbell's girlfriend and a computer science major.

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Oct. 12, 1997

Gracie Hixson is shot and robbed around 3 a.m.

Nov. 16, 1998

2 p.m. Three suspects are arrested.

2:15 p.m. Search warrant serviced at Ravenwood residence.

4 p.m. Brian Campbell and Philip Baldwin point finger at Travis as murderer, in affidavit.

Hilarie Jezik/Online Graphics Editor

Charity project promotes giving during holidays

by Stephanie Clarkin

Missourian Reporter

Several members of the Northwest community gathered at Franklin Park to get one step closer to earning their wings at the Angel Tree Lighting ceremony Monday night.

The purpose of this Panhellenic-sponsored charity is to play roles as an angel for children and senior citizens in Nodaway County.

Anyone who wishes to participate may buy a \$5 to \$10 toy for a child, or food or fruit basket items for a senior citizen.

The tree will be covered with

angel ornaments. After the tree is lit, a participant picks an ornament providing volunteers with recipient information such as age, gender and what they would like for Christmas and a designated number used for confidentiality purposes.

"It is important because it helps out the kids," said Sara Lovely, vice president of programming for Panhellenic.

Last year 65 children were given angels and 85 are involved with this year's charity.

This is the first year for the program to reach out to the seniors. Thirty seniors will receive donations of food.

Panhellenic decided to add the seniors this year because last year there was a demand for more recipients after the 65 names were taken. The increase was a result of the communities active roll in the program. The Maryville Civic Center provides the list of people they think would benefit most.

"It helps out the needy people in the community that cannot afford things for Christmas," education major Lindsay Lund said.

Toys and food baskets bought for the individuals need to be turned into the Panhellenic office in the Thompson-Ringhold building by Dec. 2.



Sorority members look at angels on the Angel Tree during a ceremony held in Franklin Park Monday night. The event is sponsored by Panhellenic.

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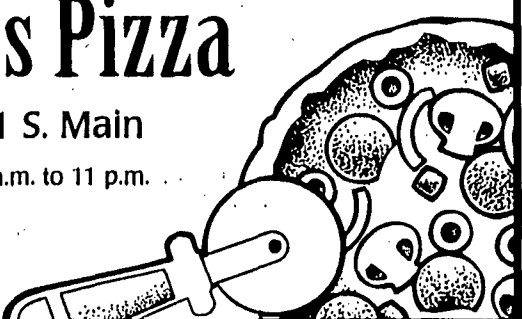
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Irish dancers tap onto stage

Spirit of the Dance sells out performance

by Kimberly Mansfield
Missourian Reporter

Sixty thunderous feet will dance as one across the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center's stage at 7:30 tonight.

The sold-out performance of *Spirit of the Dance* sets out to dazzle its audience by combining Irish step, tap, jazz, ballet and flamenco dance with a compelling storyline and love songs.

"It makes you kind of want to get up and do it yourself," said Brian Vansdale, campus activity director. "It's very fast paced. It's one of those that will kind of get your adrenaline pumping."

The love story, produced and composed by David King in associa-

tion with Dublin Worldwide Productions, has been running for three years.

Patricia Murray, world Irish dance champion, leads the Irish International Dance Company in what has become one of the most successful theatrical productions in British theater. With about 30 dancers, the two-hour performance is a cross between a theater and dance production.

Vansdale watched a tape of the production before deciding to schedule the performance.

"It totally amazes me, how they are 35 people cast, and at times you cannot tell. It looks like one person out there, not 35. They are just so in sync and so together. That amazes me. I think of the hours upon hours of practice they have to put in to be able to do that, and the talent they have. I can't wait. I've got my ticket. I just think it is so incredible."



A cast of around 30 members in *Spirit of the Dance* will take the stage at 7:30 p.m. at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. The Irish dance production combines a story line and love songs with traditional Irish steps. The production was devised by Dublin Worldwide Productions and has seen success in British theaters.

Language for tourism offered

by Stephanie Clarkin
Missourian Reporter

Art students attending a trip to both France and Spain this summer will benefit from two courses offered only this spring semester.

French for tourism and Spanish for tourism will benefit these students and others with survival skills regarding the language and culture of nations they will visit.

"This class includes the language the students will need to survive," said Lia Bradley, French and Spanish for tourism instructor.

Bradley will use role playing techniques and conversational and cultural activities to enable students to get an idea of experiences they may encounter during their trip.

Art Professor Philip Lober will be guiding the students on their trip and is responsible for the development of these classes.

"After the first time I went on the tour I realized the students were not prepared to pick up and leave and they did not get the most out of the culture," Lober said.

In order to solve this problem before his last trip to Italy, Lober decided to find an Italian scholar to teach a preparatory course on the language and culture. As a result the students were able to interact with natives better. Lober then decided to create another preparatory course designed for this summer's trip.

"The approach we want to take in these courses is not only language but geography, history, culture and art," Lober said. "We want to look at the country holistically and not at just the subject that we are studying."

The classes are available to anyone. French for tourism (14-200-01) has 7 openings and will be offered Jan. 11-Feb. 26. Spanish for tourism (14-200-02) has 17 openings and will be offered Mar. 1-Apr. 30. Each class is a block course worth one credit.

Trip to Mexico examines exchange programs

3 universities prove excellent quality

by Toru Yamauchi
Senior Reporter

Seven Northwest students realized "seeing is believing" after a five-day trip to visit three universities in Monterrey, Mexico, last week.

Negar Davis, International Programs and Multicultural Affairs director, said the trip examined the universities' exchange programs to determine whether Northwest should continue developing the programs.

Northwest has exchange programs with two universities,

Instituto Tecnológico de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey and Universidad de Monterrey. It is beginning exchange programs with Universidad Regiomontana, including an online exchange, next semester.

Davis said she was pleased with these three universities' curriculums and academic and learning environments after she talked with presidents, deans, faculty and exchange students at the three universities.

Davis said all three universities have "good, solid programs," and are excellent institutions.

The goal of the International Programs Office was to provide the best possible advising to potential

Northwest study-abroad candidates through students who experienced the culture first hand, Davis said.

It was the first experience for Angel McAdams, Student Senate president, to go abroad, and she said it has changed her immensely.

"One thing that it did for me is make me a little bit more aware of how exchange students and international students feel on this campus, because I was put into that situation," McAdams said.

McAdams said she plans to go to ITESM during the spring 2000 semester as an exchange student.

Also, the trip made her realize there are possibilities to work abroad.

"I have this stronger desire now

to learn more about other cultures and become well educated about other lifestyles and cultures and experiences," McAdams said.

The trip was initiated by University President Dean Hubbard through his plan to let students examine the exchange programs in Mexico, Davis said. The International Programs Office and the president's office sponsored the trip.

McAdams was given the responsibility to choose six other students for the trip: Sinan Atahan, Daniel Ayala, Mark Sigelow, Rita DelSignore, Susan Garrett and Cedric Norton. She said they are from different majors and backgrounds.

McAdams also said she chose

students who considered the trip as work and not a vacation.

McAdams said she did not think the trip needed to be publicized, because she was afraid of not being able to select trip members who represent Northwest students.

The members were approved by the International Programs and Multicultural Affairs Office and International Programs Committee, Davis said.

It was the first student trip in several years. The last trip was to Czech Republic, Davis said.

The International Programs Office is located in room 205 of the Thompson-Ringold Building. With questions regarding the programs, contact the office at 562-1367.

University Briefs

Club sponsors sale

The Art Education Club will play host to a fine art auction and sale Friday in the foyer of the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

Viewing of artwork will begin at 6 p.m. with the auction following at 7 p.m.

Artists will also have work displayed for sale that will not be auctioned. Artwork will include pottery, paintings and jewelry items.

Proceeds will be divided between student, faculty and alumni artists and the Art Education Club for a scholarship and operating expenses. For more information contact the art department at 562-1314 or 562-1326.

Professor to present

Coming from the West Coast, a multicultural education speaker will address Northwest students in a program titled "The Culture of Teaching vs. The Teaching and Learning of Culture" at 7 p.m., Dec. 2 in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

Emile Wilson, assistant professor of international and multicultural education at the University of San Francisco, will be on campus Dec. 1 and 2. He will have a series of presentations throughout his visit.

The International Programs and Multicultural Affairs Office is sponsoring Wilson. Although the office usually sponsors a multicultural dinner and speaker in the fall, it has

changed its format this year, director Negar Davis said.

Instead, the office will invite student organization leaders to the International and Multicultural Panel Nov. 30.

Wilson is from the same university as Davis, who came to take the director position in July. The Dec. 2 speech is open to the public, and admission is free.

Trophies to be given

The announcement of the Homecoming supremacy trophies for the sororities, fraternities and independents at Northwest will be Monday during halftime of the men's basketball game in Bearcat Arena.

Donations aid effort

Northwest collected 23,000 pounds of donated clothing, food and medicine last week for residents of Honduras after Hurricane Mitch devastated the area.

The donated goods were taken to Memphis, Tenn., Friday by Heart to Heart, a non-profit organization, in Kansas City, Kan., and mailed to Honduras by Federal Express Sunday.

International Programs, Multicultural Affairs Office and Hispanic American Leadership Organization organized the Honduras disaster relief effort after the hurricane hit two Northwest students' homes.

Community Briefs

Carriage rides offered

The Heart of the City will offer free carriage rides from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, from 6 to 8 p.m. Dec. 3, 10 and 17, and from 1 to 3 p.m. Dec. 24.

Carriages will make stops in the downtown area for rides. The annual event promotes local businesses.

Wabash suit ongoing

One of the ongoing series of lawsuits involving Wabash Trace Nature Trail in Nodaway County took a turn when a judge ruled in favor of landowners early this week at the Missouri Western District Appeals Court.

It was the first case among four

Wabash-related lawsuits to be decided in the appeals court.

This particular case was a battle over the proposed site of the "nature trail" in Nodaway County between adjacent landowners, primary litigant Bud Boyles and the Missouri Friends of the Wabash Trace Nature Trail, Inc. In the Nodaway County Circuit Court, the judge ruled in favor of Boyles last year.

Council seats open

Four people have applied for City Council seats. They are Ronnie Moss, Everett Walden, Rex Wallace and Lewis Moore.

There are two seats open for the City Council. Elections will be April 6.

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Banquet honors farm families

by Richard Hubble
Missourian Reporter

Several area residents in agriculture and agribusiness received recognition at the annual Nodaway County Farm City Banquet Monday.

During the banquet, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, Joe Espey was inducted into the Nodaway County Agriculture Hall of Fame. Espey has been involved in farming since he was a child.

Espey graduated from the Harvard Business School of Banking and was an agriculture officer and senior vice president at Nodaway Valley Bank from 1968-'88.

The Guest speaker at the banquet was Susie Mires, Maryville resident and Northwest graduate in agriculture science. Mires spoke about the importance of women in agriculture.

"We don't really have to think

twice about who the person is that's central in this institution, the person who puts the "family" in family farm," Mires said during her speech. "We used to call them 'farm wives,' but now we just call them farmers, which is so much more simple and descriptive."

She received the American Future Farmers of America Degree as a student and was state vice president of FFA in 1992-'93. She is currently a Maryville Daily Forum reporter.

Other awards presented during the evening included the Outstanding Farm Family, given to Richard and Judy Patterson and their sons, Brad and Randy. Theresa Blackford received the award for Outstanding Farm Woman. The only award presented to a person outside of agriculture or agribusiness was the Outstanding Farm Advocate, which was given to Scott Graham.



Richard and Judy Patterson, with their sons, Brad and Randy, accept the Outstanding Farm Family of the Year award at the annual Nodaway County Farm City Banquet

Monday night. Other awards, including Outstanding Farm Woman and Outstanding Farm Advocate, were presented during the evening.

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School Board continues driver's education

■ Price per student raised to \$160

by Kimberly Mason
Missourian Reporter

The Maryville R-II School Board decided in its meeting Wednesday night to continue its driver's education program on Northwest's campus.

Bob Lade, driver's education instructor, recommended the price per driver's education student be raised from \$150 to \$160. The board agreed to this motion.

Lade said 75 students participated in last year's driver's education program, and he hopes he will be able to accommodate all students who want to be in the program this summer.

"We'll try to get them all in if at all possible," Lade said.

Following Lade's report, Keith Nowland, Washington Middle School principal, told the board about the parent-teacher conferences seventh-grade students participated in this year.

Nowland said the seventh-graders had "student-lead conferences" in which the students prepared conference materials to be discussed during their conferences.

Nowland said this gave "a good deal of accountability" to the students. When questions about a student's performance arise, it's good to have the student, teacher and parent all present, he said.

Ron Landherr, Maryville High School principal, said he was pleased with the high school's parent-teacher conferences.

For the first time, a survey was given during the conferences that included questions such as what time parents would like to meet.

Landherr said an overwhelming number of parents want to continue holding conferences during one evening and one morning, rather than changing the schedule to

Center to help children

by Kimberly Mansfield
Missourian Reporter

It's a vision in the making for area children, families and communities and a place for them to turn in a time of crisis. The Children's Center of northwest Missouri is becoming a reality.

Bren Manuagh, former northwest Missouri Outreach coordinator for the St. Joseph YWCA's Rape Crisis and Domestic Violence Shelter and Services, was hired in August by the Steering Committee of the St. Joseph Youth Alliance to launch the Children's Center as an executive director.

The center will offer crisis and respite care for children from birth through 12 years of age whose parents are temporarily unable to care for them because of overwhelming stress. The building will include housing for children, an activity

center and a kitchen and laundry room.

"It will be very comprehensive, but efficient," Manuagh said. "We want it to feel comfortable and homelike for the children."

There will also be multi-use spaces for the staff during the day and counseling at night.

The center is committed to the prevention of child abuse and neglect and provides emergency intervention and support to families.

"There's nowhere for children to go in this community," Manuagh said. "It provides a place for children."

Mike Baumgartner, St. Francis Hospital president, proposed the Children's Center be built on hospital grounds. In addition, St. Francis is providing administrative support services for the center's staff.

"The project itself is extremely worthwhile," Baumgartner said. "It



fits right into our mission of serving those in need."

Plans for the Children's Center have been donated by Virgil Carroll. Manuagh hopes to break ground in the spring and have the project completed by the middle of 1999. St. Francis will donate the land.

Federal and state grants will help fund the center and provide a contract for services and community support.

After visiting a similar facility in St. Louis, Baumgartner said he is confident Maryville needs this.

Classic combines talent

by Kimberly Mason
Missourian Reporter

Dancing with sugar plum fairies and snow queens may just be a dream for some people, but that dream is coming true for 32 local ballerinas.

On Dec. 1, members of Heather's Dance Studio will be gracefully pirouetting with members of the International Ballet Theater in the classic Christmas ballet "The Nutcracker." The performance begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

Heather Chavez, owner of Heather's Dance Studio, 1410 S. Main St., said the ballerinas, between the ages of 4 and 13, have been rehearsing since the end of October for their debut. They will perform in the party and Mother Ginger scenes.

The girls have been rehearsing three times a week, aside from their regular dance classes.

Chavez was contacted by Bryan Vanosdale, campus activities director, in early October about performing with the International Ballet Theater. Performers in the International Ballet Theater are from Kerch, Ukraine, and will stop in Maryville

Chavez said she was sent measurements for the children's costumes the company will bring with them. She had to choose 32 students out of 120 based on which ones fit the sizes of available costumes.

Instead of sending Chavez a written choreography of the dances, the International Ballet Theater sent a video of the dances she was supposed to teach the children.

"I had to watch the video to see the steps, and I had to teach the dances just from watching that," Chavez said. "That was hard."

Mainstage LCC is the booking agency for the International Ballet Theater. Paul Bartz, Mainstage partner, said in the eight years Mainstage has requested dancers from local studios where they were performing, they've never failed in finding children to participate.

The only time Chavez's students will rehearse with the ballet company is the day of the performance.

"The kids enjoy performing on stage," Bartz said. "Their parents and families like seeing them."

Seating is limited and only balcony seats are available. Tickets are \$14 and can be purchased at the Student Services Center in the Administration Building or at the door if the

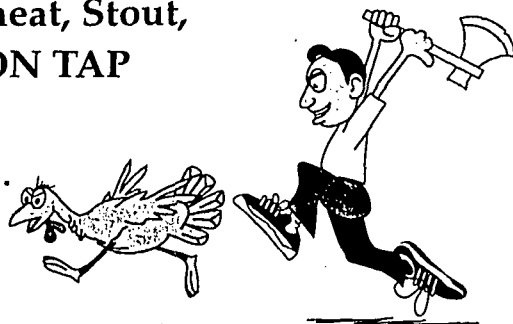
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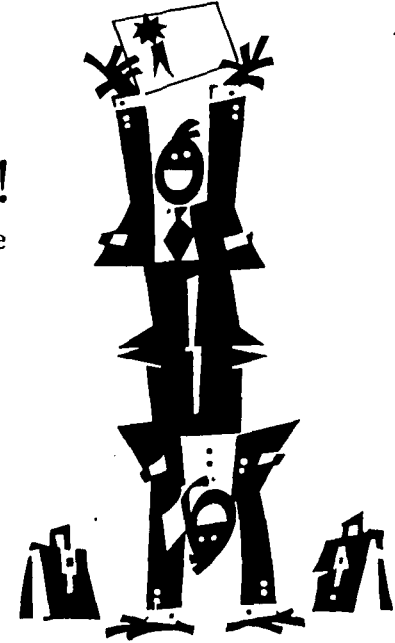
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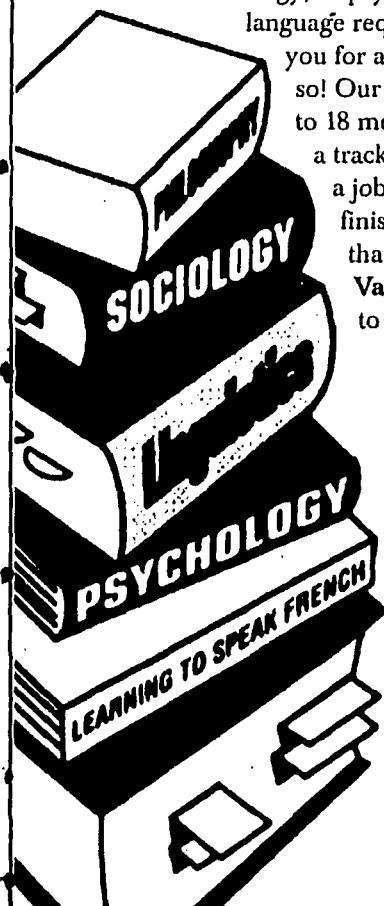
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Monday, Nov. 9

■ Officers received a complaint of a possible drug violation in the 500 block of North Buchanan Street. Contact was made with Jennifer D. Depriest, 22, Maryville, and Kelli D. McNulty, 20, Maryville. Upon investigation, drug paraphernalia and a green leafy substance were found. Both subjects were arrested on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance. They were released after posting bond.

■ A Maryville male reported the siding on his business had been damaged. There was a broken corner piece and a small hole in one of the side panels.

■ A local business reported a male subject had attempted to purchase alcoholic beverages with another's driver's license. The subject left the area before officers arrived.

■ A local business requested an officer check an ID, and upon arrival, witnesses said the subject had left the store. The subject's license plate and vehicle description were given to the officer. The vehicle was stopped, and a summons for misrepresentation of age was issued to Jamie M. Hall, 18, Maryville.

Tuesday, Nov. 10

■ An officer responded to the 1100 block of North Main Street on a complaint of a loud party. Upon arrival, he observed a male subject holding an alcoholic beverage. When the subject observed the officer, he attempted to hide the beverage. Contact was made with the subject, Christopher D. Hurst, 18, Maryville, and he was issued a summons for minor in possession of alcohol.

■ A fire unit responded to a local school on an activated fire alarm. Upon arrival, no fire or smoke was

detected and it was determined the fire alarm system was not working properly.

■ A Maryville female reported the theft of her clothes from the clothes dryers at a local laundromat. Estimated value was \$825.

Wednesday, Nov. 11

■ John W. Mauzey, Maryville, was parked in McDonald's parking lot. His vehicle was struck by a driver who then left the scene.

■ Zachary S. Jury, Gladstone, was parked in the 1000 block of North Buchanan Street. His vehicle was struck by a driver who then left the scene.

■ A Maryville male reported he observed a vehicle parked in front of his residence had been damaged. The driver's side window had been broken and a rock was found inside the vehicle. A check of the vehicle revealed it belonged to a female from Omaha, Neb.

■ A Maryville female reported she had been missing a check. When she received her bank statement, the missing check was included. The check had been forged in the amount of \$97.56.

■ A Maryville male reported the fence in his backyard had been damaged. It appeared person(s) had attempted to climb it, and a section had been pushed over.

■ A street sign and three concrete lawn statues were recovered.

Thursday, Nov. 12

■ Officers were on patrol in the 1000 block of East Third Street when they observed a vehicle with an expired license plate. The vehicle was stopped, and the driver was identified as Jenny M. Schuytles, 21, Maryville. While talking with her, an odor of intoxicants was detected. She was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated after she could

not successfully complete field sobriety tests and her blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. She was also issued a citation for improper registration.

■ A Maryville female reported the theft of her black Audiovox cellular phone from her vehicle.

■ Officers received a complaint from a local establishment that a male subject was attempting to enter using another person's driver's license. Contact was made with the subject, identified as Christopher S. Dittmer, 18, St. Joseph, and he was taken into custody. During this process, alcoholic beverages were found in his possession, and he was issued a summons for minor in possession of alcohol and possession of another's driver's license. He was released after posting bond.

■ Billy B. Blizzard, St. Joseph, was parked in the Food-4-Less parking lot. His vehicle was struck by a driver who then left the scene.

Friday, Nov. 13

■ An officer observed a vehicle fail to stop at a posted stop sign at Fifth and Market streets. The vehicle was stopped, and the driver was identified as Jeffrey B. Roe, 28, Jefferson City. While talking with him, an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated after he could not successfully complete field sobriety tests and his blood alcohol content tested above the legal limit. He was also issued a citation for failure to stop at a posted stop sign.

■ Michael C. Sansone, Kansas City, Mo., was southbound on North Main Street. As he was turning on to 12th Street, he lost control of his vehicle. The vehicle struck a stop sign. Sansone was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

■ A Maryville male reported while his vehicle was parked at his residence, the license plates were removed from the vehicle.

■ Gerald P. Walter, Maryville, was parked in the First Christian Church parking lot. His vehicle was struck by a driver who then left the scene.

■ A local business reported a female subject had attempted to purchase alcoholic beverages with an altered driver's license. The suspect left the business before officers could arrive, but the subject's license plate and vehicle description were given to the officer. The vehicle was later found, and contact was made with the driver, Kelly A. Daniels, 20, Maryville. After talking with her, she was issued a summons for possession of an altered driver's license.

■ An officer in the 400 block of North Walnut Street observed a female holding an alcoholic container. Contact was made with her, and she was identified as Irene E. Zamarripa, 20, Maryville. While talking with her, she threw the container on the ground. Zamarripa was issued a summons for minor in possession of alcohol and for littering.

■ A Maryville male reported to an officer the theft of a sign from above the entrance to his business. The sign was green with white lettering that said "Welcome NWMSU Students." The estimated value was \$250.

Saturday, Nov. 14

■ Fire engines responded to a fire in the 500 block of East Jenkins Street. The owner had been burning leaves when the fire got out of control and spread to a wooden fence. The fire was extinguished with minor damage to the fence.

Sunday, Nov. 15

■ An officer stopped a vehicle in the 1400 block of North College Drive for a traffic violation. While talking with the passenger, Joshua C. Brumback, 19, St. Joseph, an alcoholic beverage container was found in his possession, and he was issued a summons for minor in possession of alcohol.

■ Officers responded to the 700 block of West Second Street on a complaint of a loud party. Upon arrival, a male subject was observed carrying an alcoholic beverage. He was identified as Jared U. Knapp, 20, Peru, Neb. Drug paraphernalia and a green leafy substance were also found in his possession. He was arrested on charges of minor in possession of alcohol, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. After officers were granted entry into the residence, the party was shut down and permission was given for a search of the residence. Drug paraphernalia and a green leafy substance were found. The following arrests were made: Chad D. Ellerton, 25, Peru, Neb., possession of drug paraphernalia; Nekoma L. Hendrix, 20, Maryville, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia; and Michael L. Lemon, 19, Maryville, peace disturbance and possession of drug paraphernalia. All four were released after posting bond.

■ While in the 500 block of North Buchanan Street, an officer observed a vehicle cross over the centerline. The vehicle was stopped, and the driver was identified as Christopher B. Murr, 20, Tennessee, La. While talking with him, an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was arrested for driving while intoxicated after he could not successfully complete field sobriety tests and his blood alcohol level tested over the legal limit. He was also issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

Monday, Nov. 16

■ A bicycle was recovered from the 400 block of West Third Street.

Obituaries

Irene Mueller

Irene M. Mueller, 94, Maryville, died Nov. 11 at Parkdale Manor Nursing Home in Maryville. She was born July 12, 1904, to

John and Mary Mueller in Merrick County, Neb.

Survivors include several cousins. Services were Sunday at the First Baptist Church in Maryville. Burial will take place at a later date.

Sydni Wilmes

Sydni Marie Wilmes, infant, died Nov. 14 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She was born Nov. 14, 1998, to Charity Heriford and Mark Wilmes in Maryville.

Survivors include her parents; grandparents, Victoria Shipley, Robert Shipley, Ronald Heriford, Annette Heriford, Joe and Donna Wilmes; and great-grandmothers Dorla Taylor, Bonnie Heriford, Gertrude Wilmes and Trula David.

Services were Wednesday at St. Mary's Cemetery in Maryville.

Aaron Lavin O.S.B.

Brother Aaron J. Lavin O.S.B., 48, Conception, died Nov. 14 in Springfield.

He was born Feb. 13, 1950, to John and Helen Lavin in Fort Riley, Kan.

Survivors include his father; one brother, Michael; and two sisters, Nancy Lavin and Peggy O'Brien.

Services were Wednesday at St. Columba Catholic Church in Conception Junction. Burial was at St. Columba Cemetery in Conception.

Lodema Allenbrand

Lodema June Allenbrand, 71, Maryville, died Nov. 15 at her home.

She was born July 31, 1927, to Emil and Dorothy Woody in Albany.

Survivors include four sons, Gene, Neil, Donnie and Richard; eight daughters, Linda Miller, Kathy Lee, Ruth Ann Wales, Lisa Allenbrand, Diana Dollars, Janice Stevens, Lori Rogers and Julie Walker; three brothers; one sister; 17 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

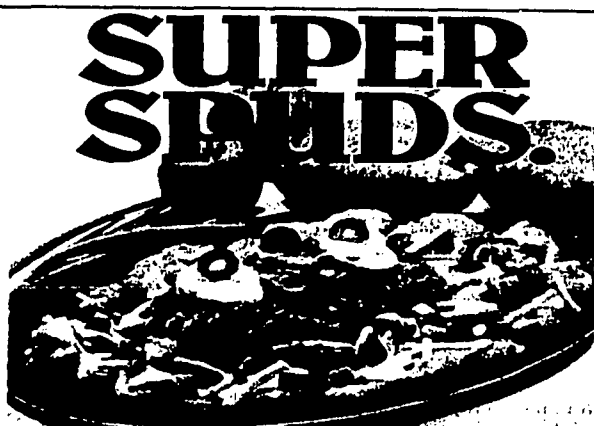
Services were Tuesday at Price Funeral Home in Maryville. Burial was at Nodaway Memorial Gardens in Maryville.

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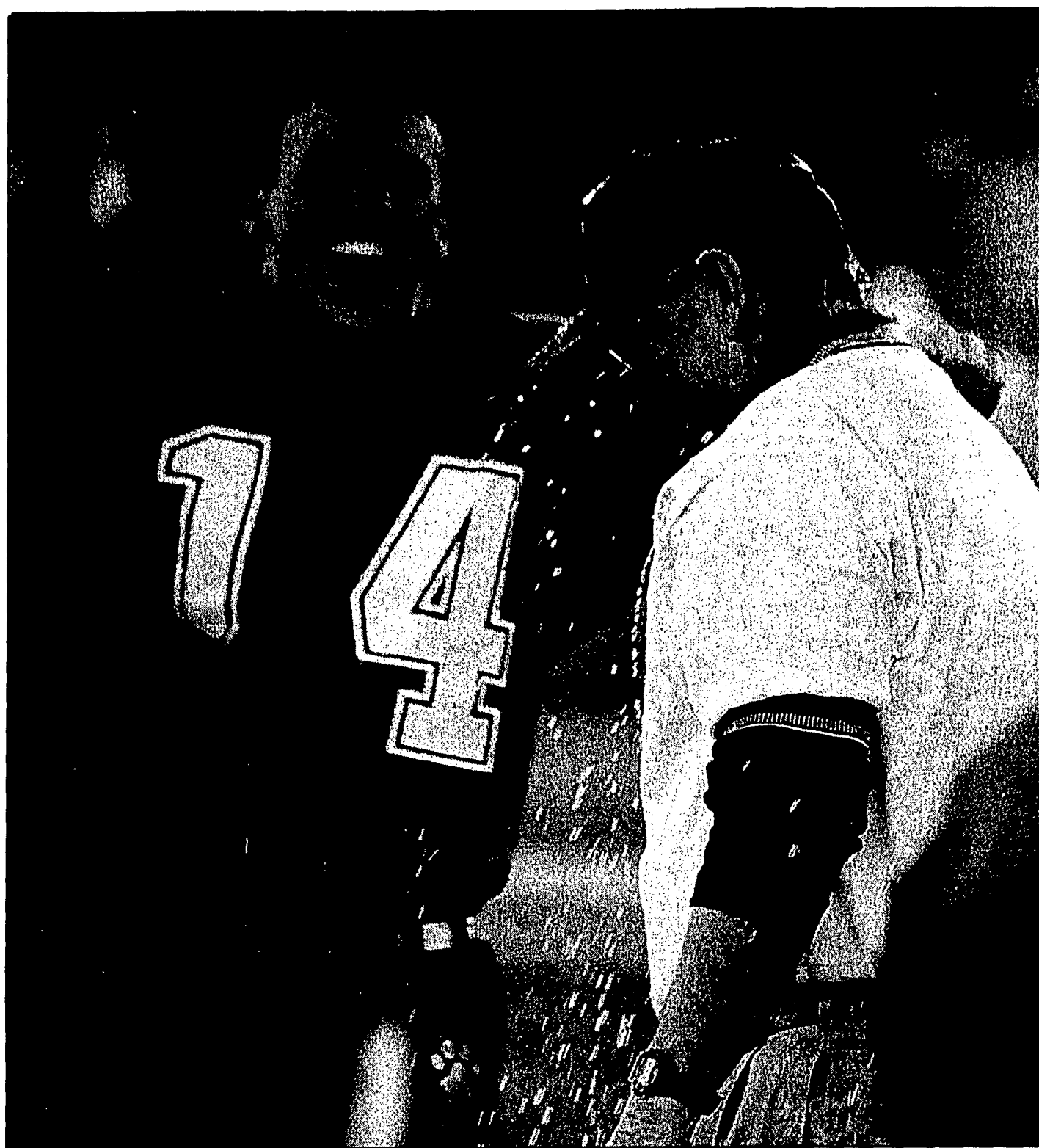
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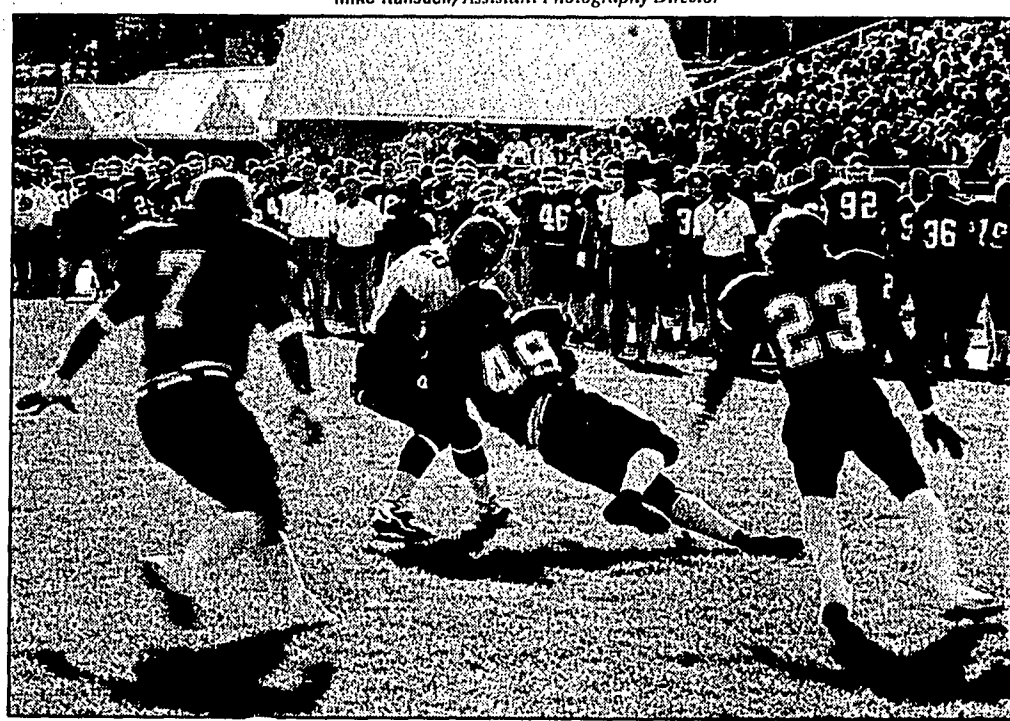


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Outside linebacker Wes Simmons, red shirt freshman Chase Bodenhausen and quarterback Chris Greisen celebrate after Saturday's win. The team met one goal for the season, making it to the playoffs for a third year in a row. Now it will tackle the playoffs and its quest for a NCAA title.

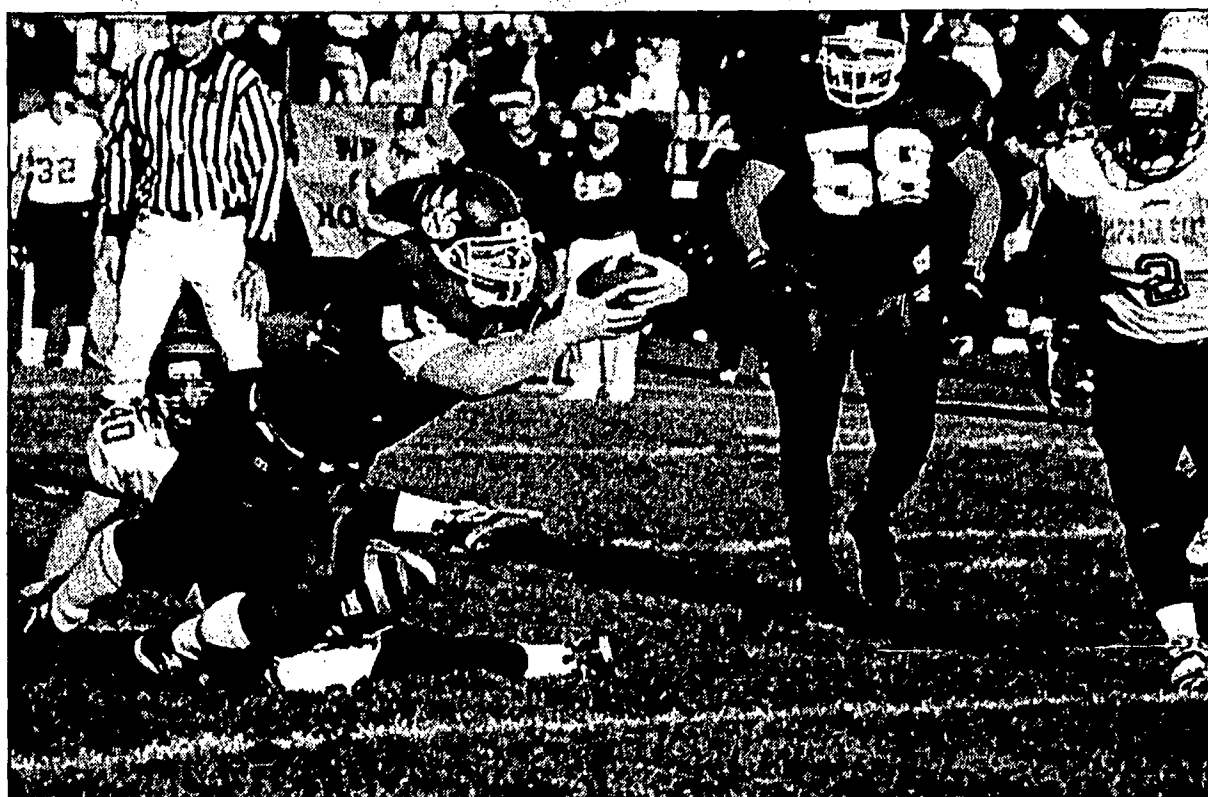


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Bearcat quarterback Chris Greisen has a laugh at head coach Mel Tjeerdsma's expense. Greisen held Tjeerdsma in place until his teammates could sneak in and douse their coach with water.

Saturday's win marked Tjeerdsma's 100th career win as a head coach. Tjeerdsma came to Northwest in 1994 and has earned a record of 40-19 while coaching the Bearcats.

Inside linebacker Brian Williams, No. 49, attempts to tackle Emporia State running back Brian Shay. The defense stopped Shay and held the Hornets to only 12 points in the second half. The Bearcats won the battle 69-33 at home Saturday in Rickenbrode Stadium.



Mike Ransdell/Assistant Photography Director

Northwest running back Tucker Woolsey takes a pass and stretches it across the goal line for his first of two touchdowns. Woolsey also ran for 26 yards on the day

including an 11-yard run for a touchdown. The 'Cats will look to repeat their scoring performance Saturday, as they take on the University of Nebraska-Omaha.

Senior running back Derek Lane avoids an Emporia State defensive back after an acrobatic catch. Lane finished the day with three catches for 40 yards. He also had 97 yards on 13 attempts rushing with two touchdowns. Lane will pull his troops together and square off against the Mavericks of the University of Nebraska-Omaha Saturday in the first round of the NCAA playoffs.



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Jennifer Meyer/Photography Director

Mark Maus, No. 82, tries to escape the grasp of an Emporia State player as he makes his way toward the endzone Saturday. Maus's touchdown was one of 10 scored by the 'Cats in the game, setting a new all-time single-game scoring record. The last record was set in 1973. Maus was named to the All-MIAA second team.



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Athletic director Jim Redd and Bobby the Bearcat present the MIAA championship trophy to head coach Mel Tjeerdsma at the NCAA Division II selection show Sunday. Northwest will play the University of Nebraska-Omaha at noon on Saturday at Rickenbrode Stadium. The 'Cats and Mavericks met in the playoffs two years ago.

'Cats' players win numerous awards

Just days after earning its third straight conference championship, the Bearcat football team grabbed more honors Tuesday.

The MIAA named its MIAA Football Team Tuesday morning. Seven Northwest players were named to the first team, while Northwest also brought home seven second-team plaques and seven honorable mention awards.

In addition, senior quarterback Chris Greisen was named Offensive Most Valuable Player and head coach Mel Tjeerdsma was named MIAA Coach of the Year for the fourth consecutive season.

"I am very pleased with the way things came out," Tjeerdsma said. "There are always some surprises and some guys who didn't get what you wanted. But to have seven on the first team and 14 others honored is great."

The players selected to the first team are as follows: offense — Greisen, senior running back Derek Lane, sophomore wide receiver Tony Miles, senior offensive linebacker Steve Coppinger; defense — junior defensive lineman Aaron Becker, senior linebacker Aaron Crowe and senior defensive back Twan Young.

Tjeerdsma said the MIAA Coach of the Year award is more of a group honor than an individual one.

"I feel good about it, but it is a compliment to the staff," Tjeerdsma said. "Sometimes when you win and you were expected to win, people say you should have had a good year and they overlook that team for this award. But it is a real honor for our staff. Everybody knows how I feel about our staff and the great job they do."

The All-MIAA second team includes sophomore tight end Mark Maus, senior offensive linemen Jay Eilers and Sherman Wilderness, Miles, junior kicker David Purnell, junior defensive end Alan Buckwalter and senior defensive back Brian Sutton.

Honorable mention players were junior defensive lineman Matt Voge, sophomore linebacker Wes Simmons, sophomore linebacker Brian Williams, senior defensive back Daniel Keys, junior defensive back Greg Wayne and junior punter Jeff LeBlanc.

Spikers close, sweep rivals

by Barry Platt
Missourian Reporter

The Northwest volleyball team ended its season on a positive note, earning three-game sweeps of Missouri Southern and Pittsburg State in Bearcat Arena last weekend.

The 'Cats defeated the Lions for the second time this season, 15-11, 15-5 and 16-14 on Friday. Abby Sunderman, sophomore middle hitter, led Northwest with 16 kills, while sophomore setter Abby Wilms collected 42 assists. Lindsay Heck, junior middle hitter, and Jill Quast, sophomore outside hitter, led the 'Cats defensively with three blocks and 16 digs, respectively.

Northwest closed out its season with its second victory of the year over the Gorillas, 15-5, 15-5 and 15-7 on Saturday.

Sunderman led the way for Northwest, posting 11 kills and seven blocks, while Wilms helped the Bearcat offense with 35 assists.

Head coach Sarah Pelster said the wins were important.

"That's how we wanted to end the season," she said. "It was a good weekend for us."

Northwest finished the year 21-12 and went 7-9 in the MIAA conference. The 'Cats' fifth-place finish in the conference was an improvement on last season's eighth-place finish and on the coaches' preseason seventh-place prediction this season.

"I'm very pleased with our overall record and the fact that we did better than we were predicted to do and better than we did last year," Pelster said. "We still have a predominantly young team, and we had a lot of injuries this year. There was rarely a match when we didn't have somebody injured. With all that happened this year, I think we came through it and responded well."

Quast said the highlights of the year were finishing 4-0 in the University of Alabama-Huntsville Tournament and defeating Emporia State to start the conference season.

"I was happy that we picked up our overall play from last year, and we had players really step up and perform well when we needed them to," Quast said. "We had a lot of injuries this year, and when we needed players to step up and respond because of that, we were able to do a pretty good job of it."

With no seniors on this year's squad, the future looks good for the Northwest volleyball program, Pelster said.

"I'm really excited," Quast said. "We improved a lot this year. Next year, we will have to push a lot harder than we did this year. We set some pretty high goals for this season, and I'm guessing we will set those same high goals next year."

Quast was named to the MIAA first team and Sunderman received an honorable mention Wednesday.



Junior middle hitter Lindsay Heck goes up for a block during Saturday's game against MIAA rival Pittsburg State. Heck helped the Bearcats to a victory over the Gorillas with three blocks. The 'Cats ended their season with a record of 21-12 overall and 7-9 in the MIAA.

Runners prepare for national meet

by Wendy Broker
Contributing Reporter

The weekend of big sporting events for Northwest will extend into Monday as the men's cross country team takes on the nation in hopes of bringing home high honors and a trophy from the NCAA Division II championship.

The men earned entry into the national meet by placing in the top five at their regional meet.

"We can't focus on the regional win," coach Rich Alsup said. "It was exciting and fun, we had a hoorah, and then it was over. Right now we are on the right track, and the train

is coming. If we don't watch out, we're going to get run over. We just have to keep moving. If we do our best at nationals, the rest will take care of itself."

Team morale is high as they prepare to take on tough competition, including four teams the Bearcats beat at the Great Lakes Regional meet and MIAA rivals Central Missouri State and Pittsburg State.

"We're trying to stay positive — we think we have a good chance at nationals," senior Don Ferree said. "Our main concern is getting through another week of practice and not concentrating on the race

until the night before."

Ferree said the runners will have to be competitive at the meet.

"We've been successful so far this season, and we've never sold ourselves short," Ferree said. "We've always thought we could compete with the big dogs. If we all run our best race, that's all we can ask."

The team is looking to place above last year's No. 13 finish.

"I don't think there are a lot of teams in the country better than these guys," Alsup said. "We have been running well, so we are not ruling anything out. They would like to bring back one of the trophies; to do that, they must finish fourth. But

none of these guys are running just to finish fourth."

Alsup said the runners would practice similar to the way they did prior to the regional meet.

"We won't have ungodly hard practices, but not very easy practices either," Alsup said. "We will have some good, solid maintenance workouts. They have responded well to that approach, and it's working, don't change it."

The Division II championships will be the last cross country meet for three seniors — Ferree, Robby Lane and Brian Cornelius. The fourth senior on the squad, Corey Parks, will be cheering on the sidelines

Extra point

Playoff system works, perfect record or not



Mike Ransdell

ing the Missouri State High School Athletic Association.

Let's be honest, neither one of those articles would have attacked the MSHSAA if Maryville had defeated Chillicothe. The simple fact is had Maryville won the game, it would not be an issue.

Jennifer Meyer's My Turn said the MSHSAA had "cheated" the Spoofhounds out of a chance for a state championship. I was in attendance when those 14 seniors she spoke of ended their high school careers. I also saw the pain on their faces and did truly feel bad for them. She also stated all they will remember is being "cheated" by the MSHSAA.

I doubt when these seniors look back on the 1998 season, or even the game two weeks ago, they will think they were "cheated." I hope they will focus on the nearly perfect season they put together and the awesome talent this team of Spoofhounds possessed.

It's fine to have your opinion on how the playoff system works. But if you are going to attack the system, then you should at least offer a viable solution.

Mark Hornickel's column shared the same opinion Jennifer had, but he did offer a solution. Mark said they should incorporate brackets like they have in college basketball and professional sports. Well, even college basketball teams with losing records make the NCAA tournament if they sweep their conference tournament. It's not

right to compare high school football to college and pro sports; they should be different.

The MSHSAA does have brackets, but you have to make the playoffs before you are put in them. It's ridiculous to think they could bracket all the districts. The boys would be playing football in February.

The MSHSAA could go back to the way things used to be in the 1960's. The association would pick 16 teams, based on a point system. Points were awarded to teams that beat bigger schools. Points were also taken away for playing smaller schools. Some may argue that at least the undefeated would go to the playoffs. That wasn't the case in 1968 and 1969 when Chillicothe went undefeated but was overlooked by the MSHSAA for the state playoffs, because they didn't play the right schools to earn enough points. Tell the kids who played on those teams it is "unfair" Maryville didn't make the playoffs; they didn't even get a chance. Maryville did get a chance, they just didn't take advantage of it.

The way the three game district playoff is set up is fair for everyone. Schools play schools of the same size. If you lose to a larger school in your first six games, you still have a shot at the playoffs by beating the teams in your district. A team that goes undefeated against six quality teams should be able to win three games against teams in its own district. The system is fair and to call it "cheating" is a bit extreme.

I understand the way it ended for Maryville this season is tough to swallow, but let's stop blaming the system and look forward to next year.

Whether you agree or disagree with the way the playoff system works, I would like to hear your comments. You may contact me at ransdell@rocketmail.com.

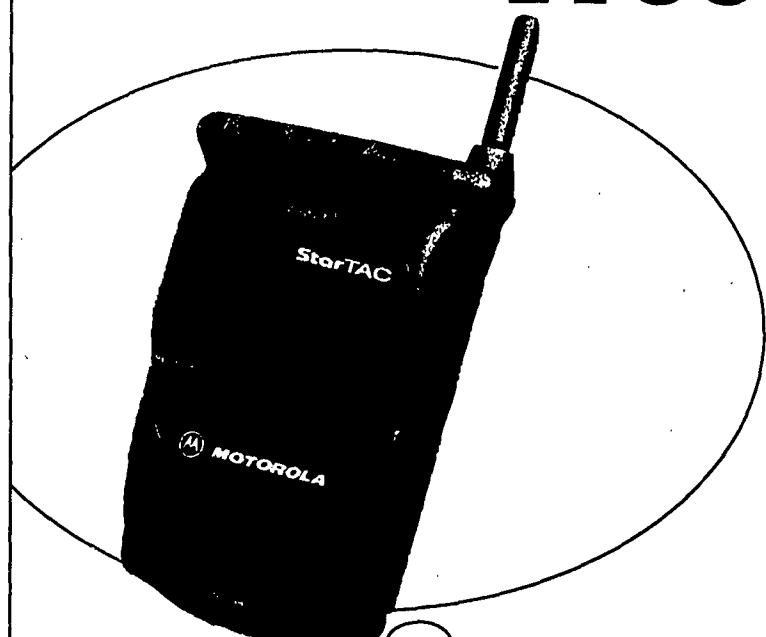
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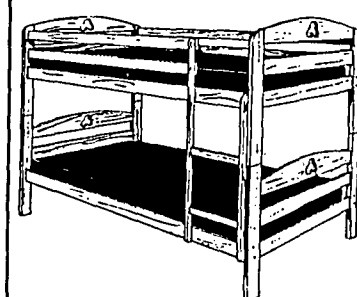
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Florence or Bust

*Head coach Mel Tjeerdsma
and the Bearcats begin their
descent on Florence, Ala.,
for a National Championship*

South region

#3 Carson-Newman (Tenn.) (9-1)

Carson-Newman is making its 13th straight appearance in the playoffs. The Eagles captured their sixth-straight South Atlantic Conference Championship with a perfect 7-0 record in conference play. The Eagles have the fourth-ranked rushing offense in the nation, averaging 300 yards per game.

#18 West Georgia (10-1)

The Braves are making their first playoff appearance since 1986. West Georgia tied for the Gulf South Conference Championship. Quarterback Jeremy Clements passed for 1,774 yards and 21 touchdowns this year. The Braves' defense is among the nation's best, allowing just 13.3 points per game.

#12 Fort Valley State (Ga.) (10-1)

The Wildcats received a bid for the 16-team playoff field for the first time since 1985. Quarterback Renotto Solomon drives the Wildcats' offense, passing for 1,535 yards this season and a 138.4 passing efficiency. On defense, the Wildcats have held opposing quarterbacks to a low passing efficiency of 90.6.

#17 Delta State (Miss.) (8-2)

The Statesmen were rewarded with their first NCAA Division II playoff berth and took a share of the Gulf South Conference Championship. DSU has allowed opposing quarterbacks to complete just 43 percent of their passes. Opposing teams gained an average of 273 yards in total offense against the Statesmen.

Northeast region

#5 Slippery Rock (Pa.) (10-1)

Slippery Rock is sparked by its defense. Opposing teams have gained just 899 yards rushing and average 256.4 yards per game against Slippery Rock. Brian Polk ranks fifth in the nation with eight interceptions for 135 yards in 10 games.

#14 Grand Valley State (Mich.) (9-2)

Quarterback Jeff Fox leads Grand Valley State's fourth-ranked offense. Fox has passed for 2,884 yards and 28 touchdowns. Receiver Jason Trice has caught 58 passes for 862 yards this year. Kick returner Billy Cook is ranked fifth, averaging 30.8 yards per return. The team averages 38.5 points per game.

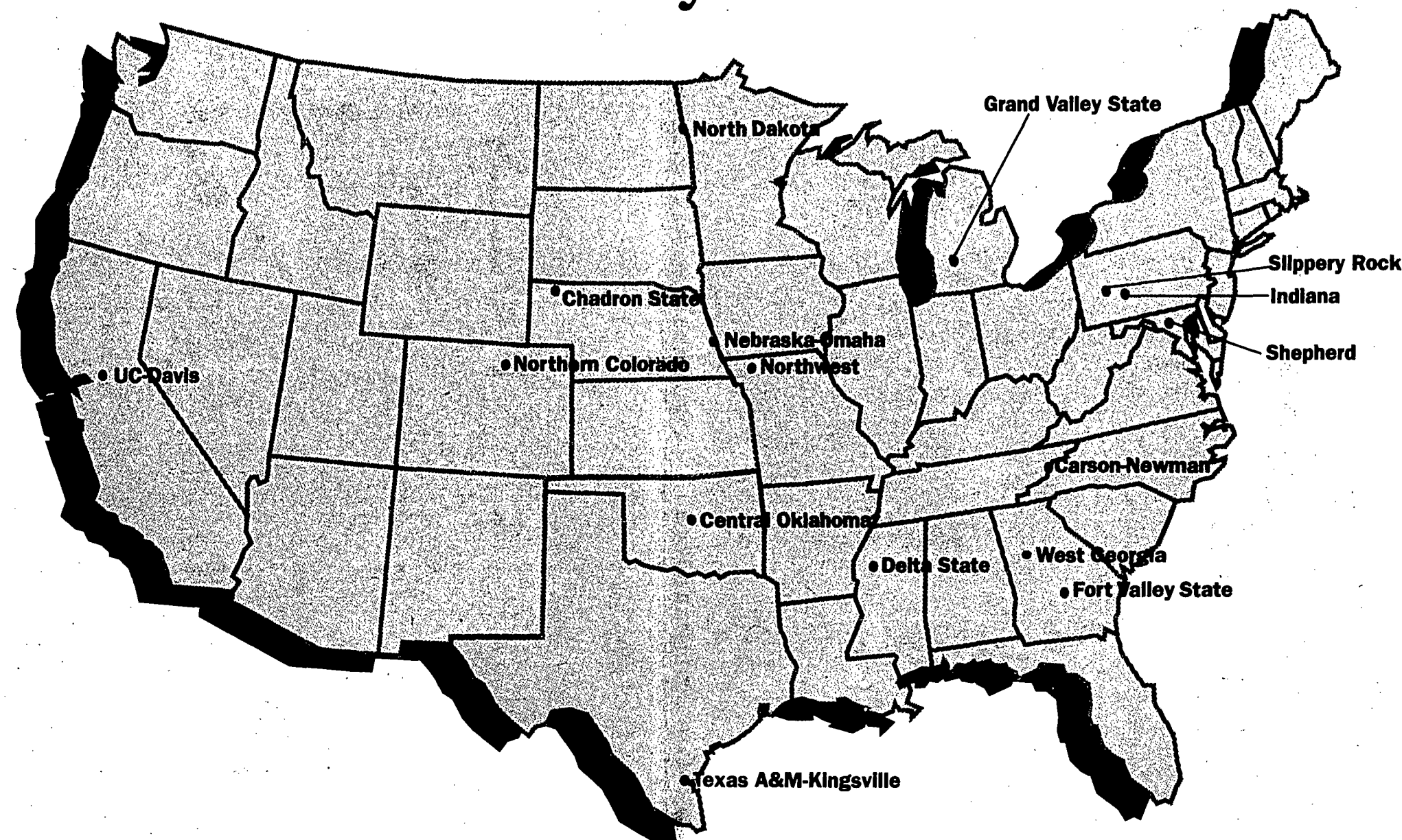
#8 Indiana (Pa.) (9-1)

Indiana averages 215.5 rushing yards and 32 points per game. On defense, the team ranks fifth in rushing yards allowed, giving up just 703 rushing yards this season, while giving up an average of 261 total yards per game.

#13 Shepherd (W. Va.) (9-1)

Shepherd is led by the West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletics Conference's all-time leading rusher Damian Beane. He is ranked second in the nation, averaging 179.1 yards per game. Shepherd's fifth-ranked defense has allowed just 499 rushing yards this season.

Where do they come from?



Midwest region

#2 Northwest (11-0)

The Bearcats were crowned MIAA champions for the third consecutive year. Quarterback Chris Greisen leads the Bearcats' top-ranked scoring offense with 2,658 yards passing. Receiver Tony Miles averaged 160.7 all-purpose yards per game. On defense, the Bearcats held their opponents to 16.5 points per game.

#16 Nebraska-Omaha (9-2)

Nebraska-Omaha captured its fourth North Central Conference title. Quarterback Ed Thompson leads the Nebraska-Omaha offense with over 1,000 yards passing and 1,000 yards rushing. The Mavericks' top receiver is MarTay Jenkins, averaging 49.1 yards per game.

#8 Northern Colorado (10-1)

The Bears are the two-time defending national champions and earned a share of the North Central Conference title. The Bears' offense is led by top-ranked quarterback Corte McGuffey. He passed for 2,331 yards and 32 touchdowns this season. On defense, the Bears allowed an average of 273.3 yards per game.

#7 North Dakota (8-2)

The Fighting Sioux are making their sixth playoff appearance. Running back Phillip Moore leads the powerful Sioux offense averaging 171.9 rushing yards and 10.6 points per game. North Dakota ranks among the top defensive teams, allowing just 15 points per game.

West region

#1 Central Oklahoma (11-0)

The Broncos nailed down the Lone Star Conference Championship. Central features a tailback tandem of Reggie Donner and Ryan Logan; both surpassed the 1,000 yard mark this year. The Broncos tough defense allows just 7.5 points and 242.7 total yards per game, and ranks first in passing defense.

#19 Chadron State (Nebr.) (9-2)

Chadron State features linebacker Kevin Homer as part of a defense that has given up just 905 yards rushing this year and allows 15.1 yards per game. On offense, the team averages 404.7 yards per game in total offense, including 234.4 yards per game of passing offense.

#4 UC Davis (10-1)

The Aggies' offense is ranked 10th in the nation. The team is led by quarterback Kevin Daft, who set a single game record with 495 yards passing Saturday. John Shoemaker is the Aggies' leading receiver with 49 catches for 697 yards.

#11 Texas A&M-Kingsville (9-2)

Texas A&M-Kingsville is ranked seventh in the nation, averaging 270.9 rushing yards per game. The team's defense ranks ninth in the nation, giving up an average of 245.3 yards and 16.5 yards per game.

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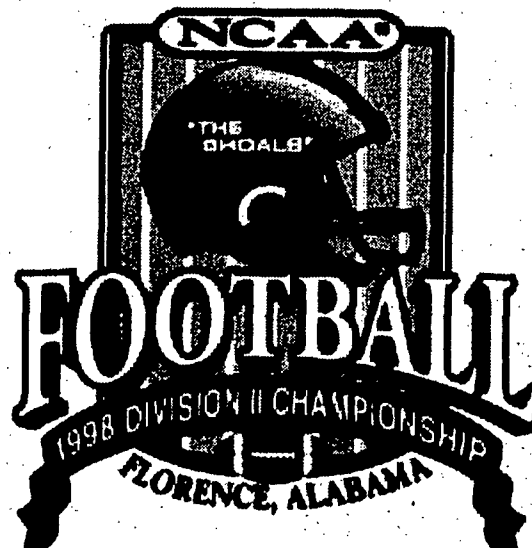
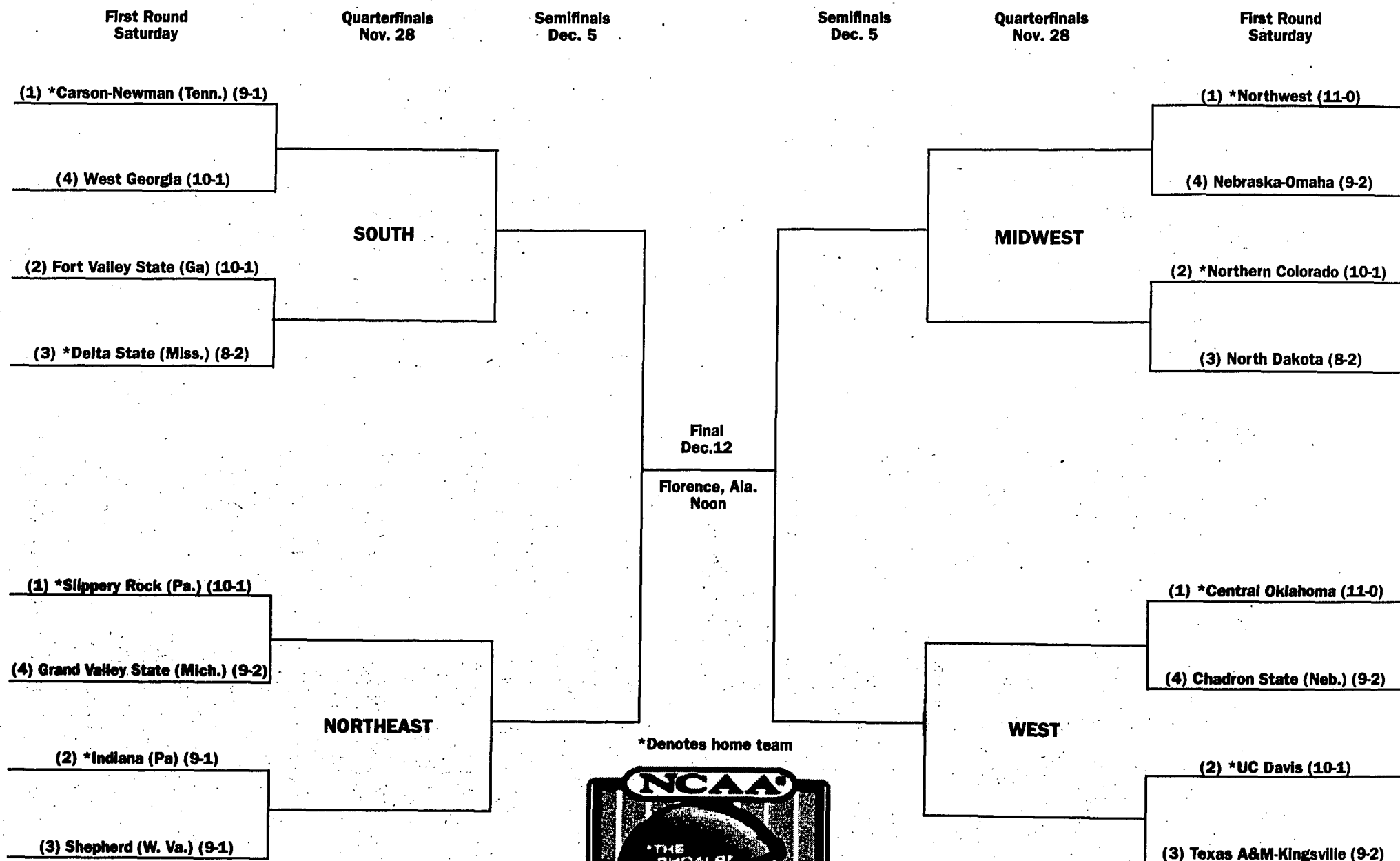
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Bearcats start with victory

by Mark Hornickel
Sports Editor

After opening its season with a 70-62 victory Saturday night, the Bearcat basketball team will play host to the Ryland Milner Classic this weekend in Bearcat Arena.

The 'Cats struggled at times during Saturday night's opener against Benedictine College, but head coach Steve Tappemeyer said the team would work hard in practice this week.

"It's a great time to have another good week of practice now," Tappemeyer said. "We have stuff. We know where our weaknesses are and what we have to work on. We have tape to show them and some guys see it and they make big jumps off of that. So, it will be a good intense week taking it into the Milner tournament. We're looking forward to that, and I really think you'll see a different team on the floor Friday night."

The Bearcats victory over the Ravens was a good opening win for the team, but Tappemeyer said the team still has to improve.

"I thought we were further along than what we showed," Tappemeyer said. "I think part of it was the first game, losing concentration rather than playing the team style defense. Everybody started hugging their own men and not getting the help they needed. I think part of it's due to the first game and part of it's just things we're going to have to iron out on the practice floor."

Northwest held a 40-29 lead at halftime. In the second half, Northwest maintained control through much of the second half. But a five-point spurt from the Ravens in a span of 25 seconds, pulled Benedictine to within five points with two minutes left to play.

'Cats' senior guard Mike Morley



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Forward Leonard Fields looks past the arm of a Benedictine College defender in search of a teammate. The Bearcat men's basketball team opened its season with a victory and will play host to Graceland College Friday night.

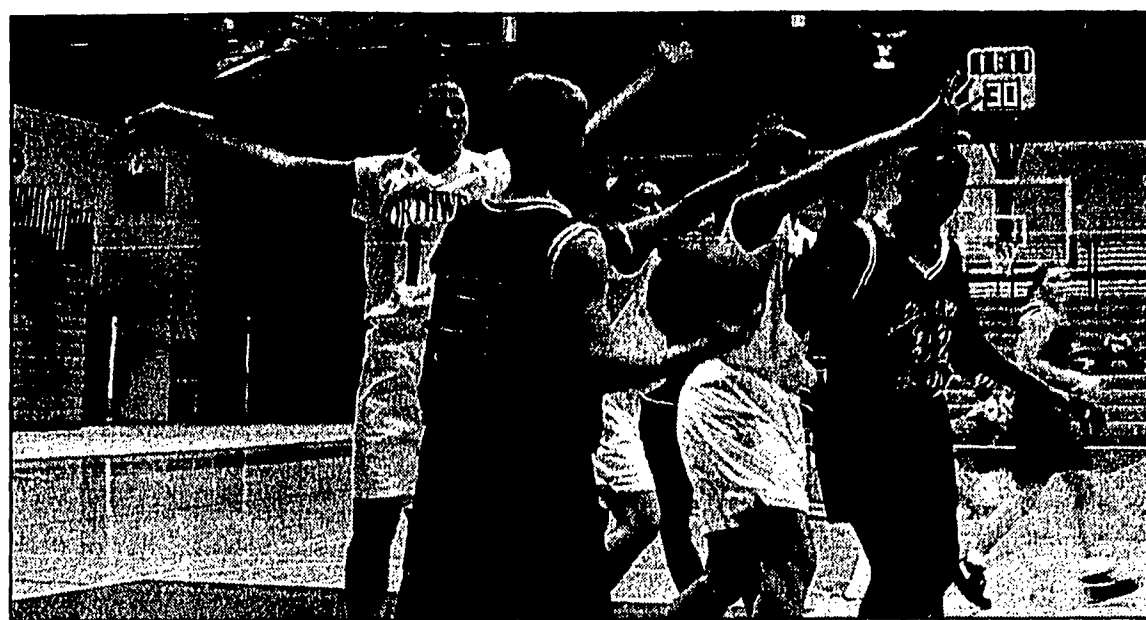
nailed a three-point basket from the top of the key to make it 66-58 with 1:47 left to play and helped Northwest hold on for an eight-point victory.

Senior transfer forward Marcus Glenn led the Bearcats with 15 points in his debut at Northwest, and he's a player that the fans will like to see, Tappemeyer said.

"He's a good player," Tappemeyer said. "I think we didn't free him up

and get him in very good scoring opportunities. He's a guy that's gotta be able to score. He can score in and out. He usually plays pretty tough. Tonight he really struggled, but we need him to peak in (former Bearcat forward Brian) Burleson's spot on defense, and he's really capable of defending."

Northwest, now 1-0, will be in action at 8 p.m. Friday when they face off with Graceland College.



Heather Epperly/Missourian Photographer

Members of the women's basketball team try to defend an inbound pass in Friday night's exhibition game against the Nebraska All-Stars. Junior center

Denise Sump chipped in 21 points, but the 'Cats were defeated by the All-Stars, 78-42. The 'Cats will be in action Friday against William Penn in Bearcat Arena.

Women experience shooting woes

by Travis Dillmitt
Missourian Reporter

The Bearcat women's basketball team started cold and finished colder against the Nebraska All-Stars Friday night in Bearcat Arena. Northwest was trounced in its final exhibition game, 78-42.

The 'Cats shot an icy 11 of 29 from the field in the first half. Northwest's defense induced the All-Stars into frigid shooting of their own, and the 'Cats clawed back to a 30-30 tie at the break.

Northwest went downhill in the second half. What had been a

flurry of missed shots turned quickly into an avalanche. The 'Cats connected on three shots in 35 attempts after halftime. For the second time in as many exhibition games, Northwest's three-point shooting went south for the winter. The Bearcats were 0-13 from downtown in the second-half, and four of 25 from beyond the three-point line for the game.

The only shooting star for Northwest was an interior player, junior center Denise Sump. She finished with 21 points.

Junior forward Linda Mattson ripped down 12 boards for the Bearcats. The 'Cats out-rebounded the

All-Stars, 48-41.

Head coach Wayne Winstead said the team is still working hard.

"They still have a great attitude," Winstead said. "The kids that were having a hard time getting their shots to fall are kids that in the past are proven. They're proven shooters. All good athletes have butterflies before games. That's basically one of the reasons we play exhibition games, to get some of those things behind us."

Northwest opens its regular season with the Ryland Milner Classic this weekend. The 'Cats will play William Penn at 6 p.m. Friday in Bearcat Arena.

In Brief

Team roper places

A Northwest student placed first among 143 teams at a recent rodeo competition.

Senior Jay Nellesen and his roping partner, Brian Hermalbracht from Panhandle State University, took first place in the team roping competition in Alva, Okla., on Oct. 29 and 30.

"He's been very consistent all

year," said Duane Jewell, Northwest Rodeo adviser. "It takes two people to do it, and he was fortunate enough to be paired with another individual that did just as well."

In team roping competition, two people are paired up in order to rope a steer. One individual must rope the steer's neck, while the other must rope the steer's back two legs.

The team will be in competition again Feb. 26-28 at Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kan.

Club plays in tourney

The Northwest Women's soccer club traveled to national competition in Atlanta this week.

The soccer club finished its regular season with a win over Nebraska-Lincoln on Oct. 25, earning a record of 6-2.

The club, coached by Greg Roper, assistant professor of English, will become a varsity sport next year.

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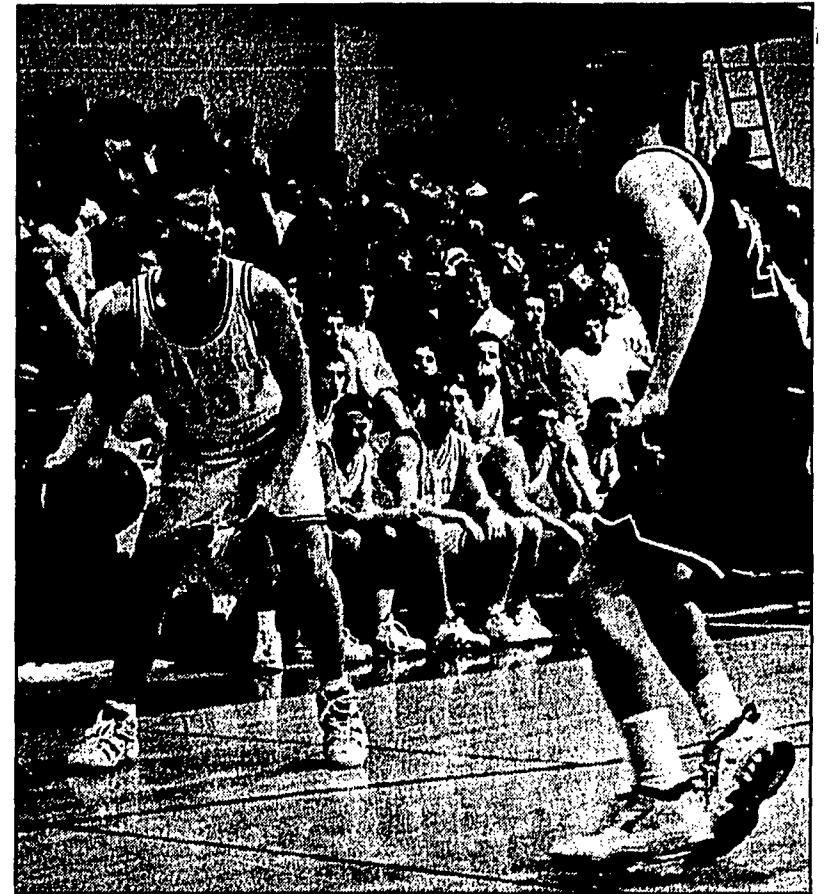
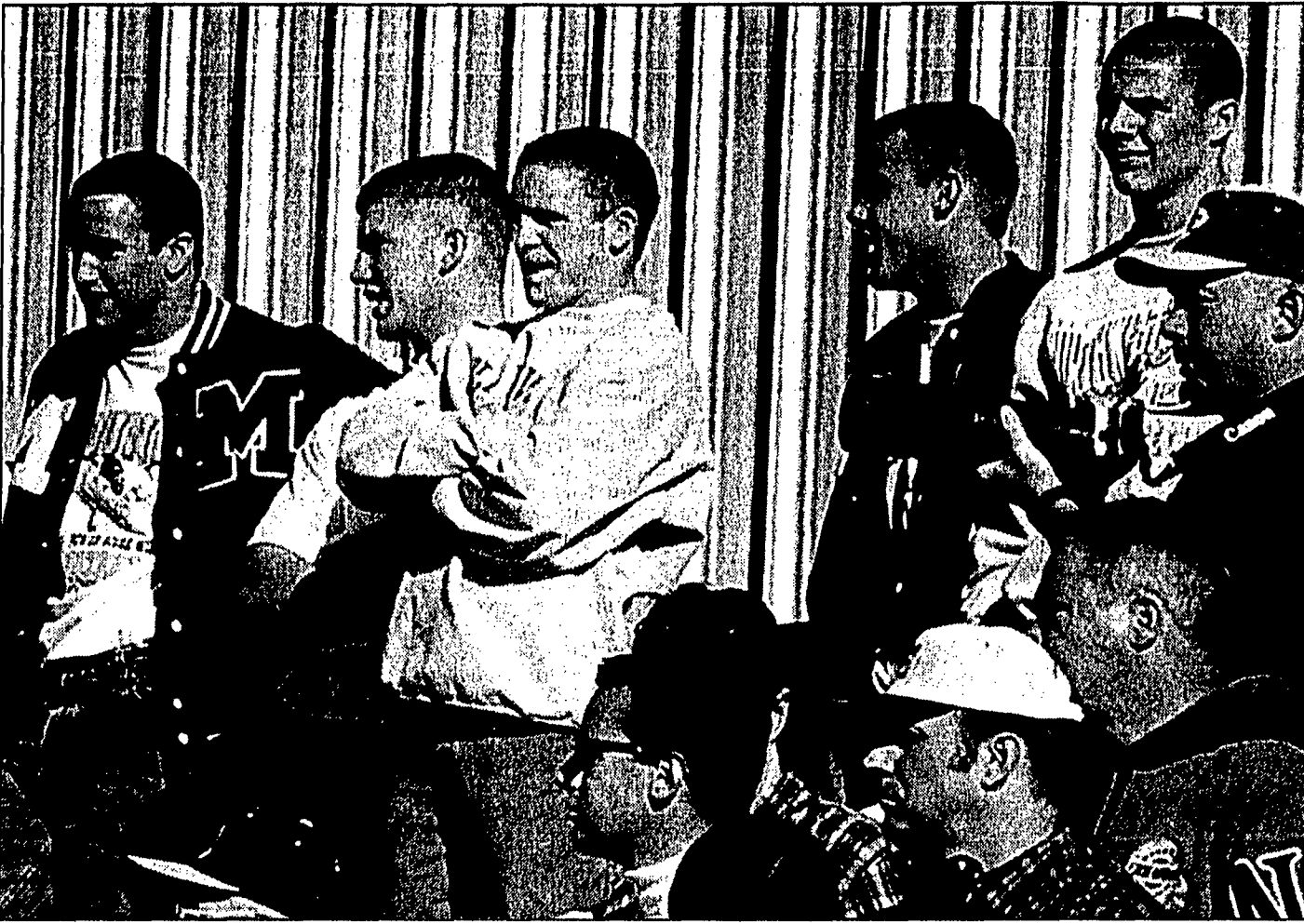
GO BEARCATS!!

Friends competing for the fun of it

Four Maryville seniors have been playing sports together since the fourth-grade. Now they will face their final season together.

Maryville high school seniors Mike Nanninga, Russ Weiderholt, Adam Otte, John Edmonds and Nick Glasnapp watch the Bearcats' football game on Saturday. The boys were in attendance for Northwest athletics recruiting day.

Jennifer Meyer/
Photography
Director



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Maryville senior John Edmonds looks to pass the ball during a 'Hounds' basketball game last year. The 'Hounds' earned a 22-5 record last year and will open this year's season against Shenandoah on Dec. 1.

by Blake Drehle
Missourian Reporter

When the clock struck zero for the Maryville football team Nov. 6, four high school seniors found themselves lost and disappointed after losing for a second straight year to the Chillicothe Hornets.

Seniors Adam Otte, Nick Glasnapp, Mike Nanninga and John Edmonds were key players on this year's 8-1 Maryville football team.

They wanted to be the ones to lead the Spoofhounds back into the state playoffs, but the team fell short of accomplishing its goal. However, they have a second chance to make it to state competition in another sport. They are on an experienced Spoofhound basketball team that went 22-5 last year.

Otte was disappointed about the way things turned out, but said things will be all right in the upcoming basketball season.

"I can't describe the large feeling of loss that I had that Friday

night," Otte said. "There is nothing you can do about it. Just go on into the basketball season confident you can win."

Nanninga said he believes in helping to lead the basketball team to win.

"We had high hopes for the football season that came to an abrupt end," Nanninga said. "The thing that we need to do now is to take this disappointing emotion and turn it around so that we can make a run for state."

Chuck Lliteras, head football coach, was also hurt by the way the season ended for the football team, but he doesn't see the seniors taking memories of their football loss into the basketball season negatively.

"This crew keeps things in proper perspective," Lliteras said. "What happened in football will help them in winter sports. They must overcome obstacles like this."

Edmonds said he enjoyed the football season more because of the team's ability to play and grow closer as a team, and, in addition, it is more physical.

Things will be good for the bas-

ketball team this season because this group of seniors has been together for so long, Edmonds said.

"We have been playing together since the fourth-grade," he said. "When we stay as a team, we do well and things get accomplished."

Besides football and basketball, the boys have also participated in track, baseball and summer swimming.

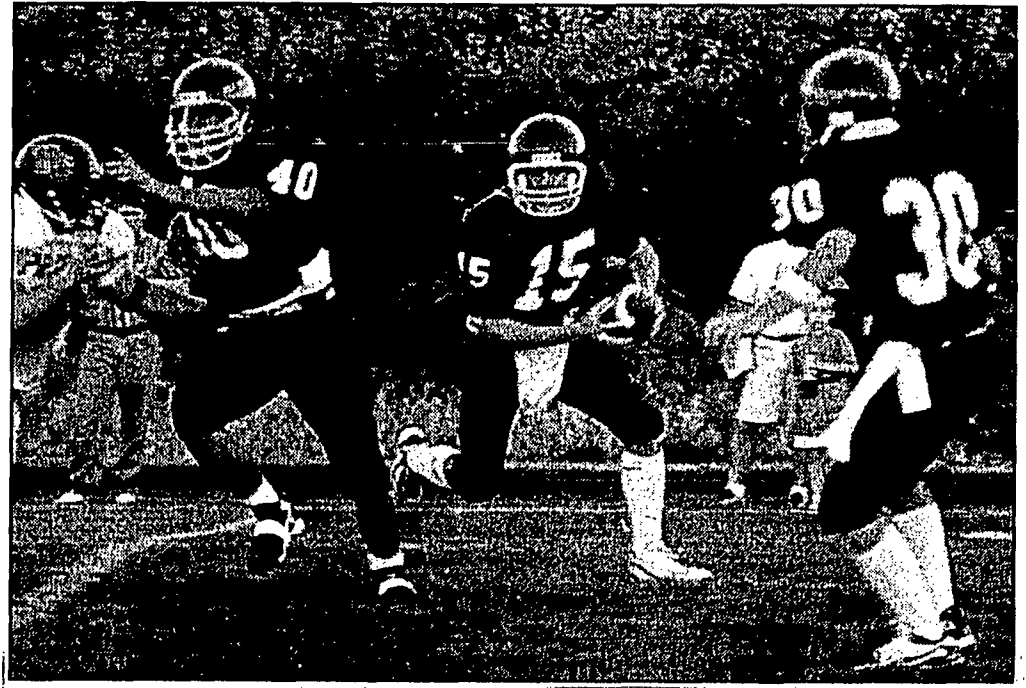
Lliteras said the group of athletes will do fine in its ability to play sports.

"If it was left to their athleticism, it will be a good season for them," he said. "They are good role models who believe in each other and who don't play selfishly."

Head basketball coach Mike Kuwitzky said he is confident the seniors will be ready for the season.

"The football players will be very focused on the season," Kuwitzky said. "This is a great group of kids who want to do well as a team."

Kuwitzky and Lliteras said they know what this group of seniors can do and are proud to coach them because of the way they play as a team.

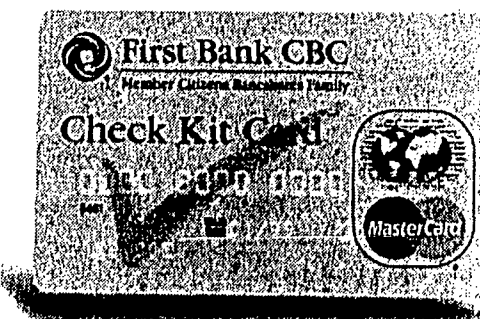
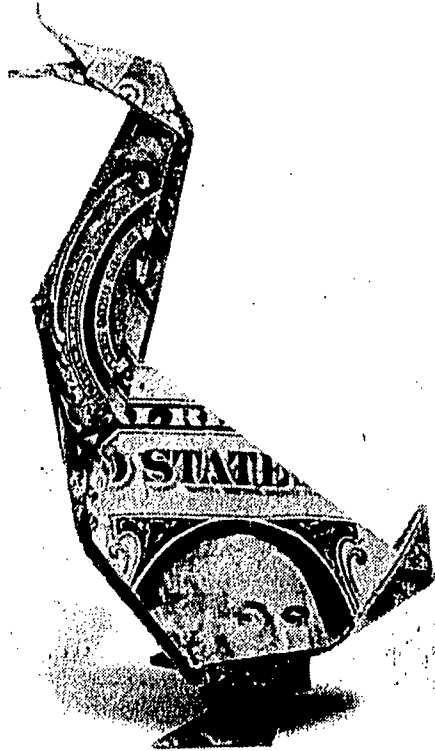


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Mike Nanninga, No. 40, sets up a block as senior quarterback Nick Glasnapp prepares to pitch the ball to running back Adam Otte. The three seniors were a vital part of the Spoofhounds' football team,

that went 8-1 on the season and will now show their abilities on the basketball court this winter. With last year's 22-5 performance, the team should have another shot at the playoffs.

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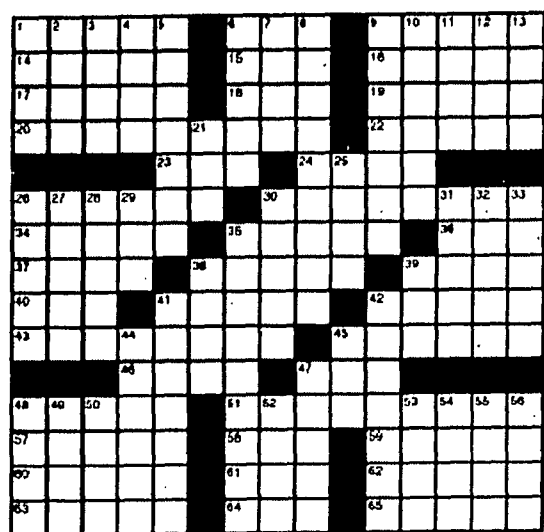
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 23. German physicist
 24. Kind of contest
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 9. Effects
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 12. Low-fat
 13. Positive congress votes
 21. Preposition
 25. Touch
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 27. Express with sound
 28. Swelling
 29. Negative conjunction
 30. Antelope
 31. End of life
 32. Turn aside
 33. Lilies
 35. Made rough
 38. Gab
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 41. Rumples
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The Stroller

Your Man enjoys campus humor



The Stroller

Idle comments heard around campus should be CAPs act

Your Man paid close attention to things that were said and done around campus this week and has decided to discuss his observations in this week's column.

I didn't know people in the Student Union could put on such a comedy show. As Your Man sat down to eat on various occasions this week, he heard a few random things. Now, the Stroller was not being nosy by any means. These things were simply heard totally out of the blue and were so funny I wanted to go up to these people and encourage them to go to CAPs and Encore and ask if they could star in a show this year. Heck, these people would be funnier and more exciting than the acts we've had so far this year.

The first thing I overheard was a conversation between two young ladies. The conversation appeared to be intense and then one of the girls said, "He asked me if I wanted to share a baby." Now, I'd be curious to know what the young lady's response was to the question.

Then, as I strolled to the counter to make my decision on what type of food I wanted that evening, I observed a young lady walk away, at which time she said to her companion, "Everything I see makes me want to puke." Your Man's thoughts on that statement: don't take it for granted. It could be worse. There are starving people in Africa.

The next person I ran across obviously felt otherwise. Since prices for food on this campus are about as high as President Hubbard's salary, I took about \$100 off my Bearcat card with the purchase of a sandwich, chips and a beverage.

Then I found a table and took a seat to eat my meal. At that point I observed a rather large gentleman finishing off the last bite of his meal. He got up from his chair and told his friends, "I'm going to go make myself fatter."

Finally, after I had concluded my meal, I began walking out of the grand ol' Union and was passed by a few rowdy young men.

They were discussing their plans for the evening, and one of them said, "I'm gonna drink 'til I spew." Yeah, that's always fun. I wonder if those guys met up with the girl that wanted to puke with everything she sees?

And, of course, Your Man's eyes were also peeled at the football game Saturday. One thing that made Your Man rather upset was when he saw a referee take a piece of chewing gum out of his pocket. He put the gum in his mouth and then crumpled up the wrapper and tossed it on the ground. Now, as a quality campus, we here at Northwest should not stand for that. We can't have people trashing our campus with litter.

At halftime, I took pleasure in observing the Bearcat Marching Band. I must say the band is much improved this year and extremely exciting to watch. On Saturday, I was extremely impressed with the composition of one Northwest band member. The song was called "Not Without Honor," and man, when the band performed the song, it sent chills down my spine. So to the band members — job well done. You guys have musical talents I often wish I had.

Finally, I observed the puny Hornet mascot that was representing Emporia State. Our own Bobby Bearcat was almost two times the size of that Hornet. It's probably a good thing Northwest's athletic director broke up the little pre-game boxing match between the two mascots.

It's no wonder the Hornets have such a dorky little mascot, though, after the way our mighty Bearcats made the Emporia State football team look Saturday. Despite the fact we trailed 14-0 in the first quarter, our team didn't panic and we came back to slaughter the opponent. Now we've got bragging rights to a three-time conference championship, and there's no looking back now. It's on to the playoffs, baby.

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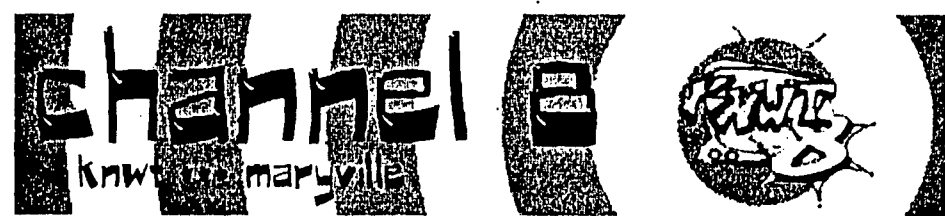
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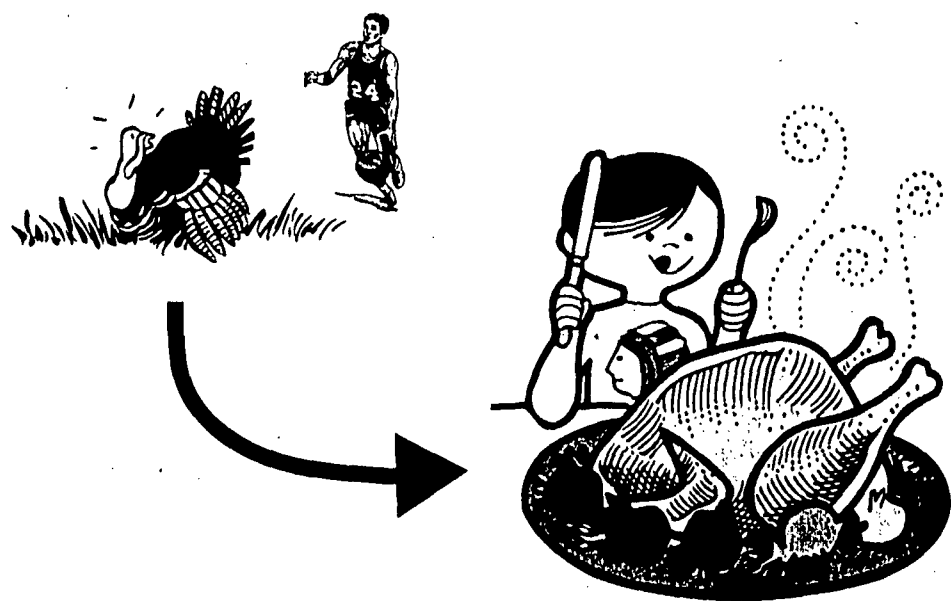


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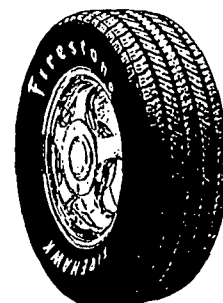
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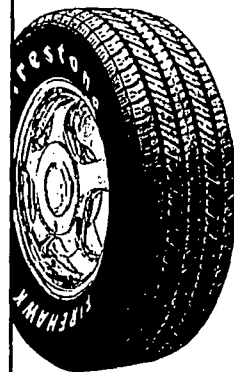
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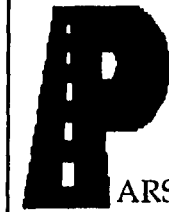
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Today marks The Great American Smokeout, sponsored by the American Cancer Society. Smokers are encouraged to refrain from smoking, and instead use the day to prove to

themselves that they can go a day without smoking. The society has also developed a plan to combat smoking called Commit to Quit, which is made up of three phases.

by Matt Armstrong
Missourian Reporter

The 22nd annual Great American Smokeout is a day to "butt out" of the habit of smoking. The American Cancer Society asks those who smoke to realize the harmful effects of the addiction today.

The Smokeout began in 1977 and was organized by the American Cancer Society. The plan is to deter regular smokers from smoking for one day proving they can stop. According to the American Cancer Society, this day has caused more people to quit smoking than any other day of the year, even more than New Year's Day resolutions.

The Great American Smokeout is a chance for those who smoke to put an end to the habit. According to the American Cancer Society, millions of Americans will "stub out" their cigarettes today.

The program focuses its attention on teens. According to the CNN website, every day around 6,000 teens under the age of 18 smoke their first cigarette.

The Great American Smokeout also strives to convince teens that smokeless tobacco is not a safe alternative to smoking.

According to ABCNEWS.com, cigarette smoking among college students is climbing. A 28 percent jump in the past four years has caused health officials to take action in preventing tobacco-caused diseases.

According to U.S. News & World Report Online, last year 26 percent of smokers participated in the Great American Smokeout, which is 8 percent more than the year before. An estimated 3 million Americans stop smoking every year.

The American Cancer Society not only uses the Great American Smokeout to urge people not to smoke, but it also promotes tobacco awareness.

Cigarettes and cigarette smoke contains over 4,000 chemicals, including 43 known to cause cancer. These chemicals are added during the processing of tobacco farming and cigarette production, according to the American Cancer Society.

Nicotine is a natural ingredient in tobacco, but it is not the agent that causes cancer. It does, however, cause the addiction.

Each time a person inhales from a cigarette it releases nicotine straight to his brain, causing the smoker to desire another. Even after one has given up nicotine, the desire to smoke may still be present long

after quitting.

According to the American Cancer Society, almost 20 percent of Americans die from tobacco use and 30 percent of all cancer related deaths are attributed to smoking.

According to U.S. News Online, the average smoker spends around \$900 a year on cigarettes.

To stop the habit, the American Cancer Society has devised a plan called Commit to Quit. It consists of three phases.

First, a person must decide to quit. According to the American Cancer Society, each smoker has his own reason to quit, perhaps because of family, kids or themselves.

Support programs may be needed to help overcome the physical and behavioral aspects of smoking.

Some popular methods used to quit smoking, according to the American Cancer Society, are to quit cold turkey, meaning smoking stops all together, or by gradually decreasing the regular amount of cigarettes smoked each day.

Nicotine replacement therapy, which involves the use of nicotine gum or a patch, reduces the amount of nicotine intake during the course of treatment.

According to the American Cancer Society, coping with the nicotine

cravings should be handled by the 4 D's: deep breaths; drinking lots of water; doing something else to take the person's mind off the cravings; and delaying reaching for a cigarette.

The decision to quit can be a difficult one, but there are ways to combat the addiction.

"I just quit last week and I can't stand the smell anymore, so I know other people can quit if they put their mind to it," said Becky Conway, business management major.

Smoking is a problem for a lot of people, and stopping can seem almost impossible.

"I quit for 10 hours and couldn't deal with it, so I don't think I could make it a whole day without smoking," art major Amy Proehl said.

The Great American Smokeout gives smokers hope for the future in battling their habit.

"I think it's a good idea, because it might just convince people to stop smoking for good," said Erin Caselman, family and consumer science major.

The message behind the event is a good way to try and stop smoking, but some comment that it is not publicized widely enough.

"It's a great motivator if people knew about it, but it's not publicized very extensively," broadcasting major Ryan Fouts said.

Body adaptations after smokers quit:

- **20 minutes after quitting:** blood pressure goes down, pulse rate drops to normal, and the temperature of one's hands and feet increases to normal.
- **24 hours after quitting:** the chance of a heart attack decreases.
- **48 hours after quitting:** the ability to taste and smell is enhanced.
- **Two to three months after quitting:** circulation improves, walking becomes easier and lung function increases as much as 30 percent.
- **One to nine months after quitting:** coughing, sinus congestion, fatigue and shortness of breath decreases. The lungs are cleaner and less vulnerable to infection as well.
- **After one year of not smoking:** the risk of coronary heart disease is 50 percent less than those who smoke.

RHA attempts to pass smoking ban

by Michelle Murphy
Missourian Reporter

The trend to ban smoking may be hitting closer to home than many Northwest students think.

Residential Hall Association is in the process of conducting a survey on Northwest students, who live on campus, determining how they would feel about eventually banning smoking in all residence halls.

"This year we are in the process of reintroducing a proposal to phase out smoking," said Andrew Saeger, RHA policies chairman. "We want to conduct surveys around campus to see how students would feel about this type of policy."

The proposal is to ban smoking in all residence halls. It will take a period of three to six years to completely ban smoking in residence halls.

"If it were to pass, students wouldn't be able to smoke in the residential halls," Saeger said. "They'll have to go outside, and they'll also have to be in a certain area away from the building, such as within 30 feet."

The first time the policy was introduced to RHA was last year. RHA agreed to research students' reactions.

The proposed policy was

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Jealaine Vaccaro, RHA president

stopped last year by Residential Life and Student Affairs because no research was done. This year, RHA has been doing research on how banning smoking has worked for other universities in Missouri.

"We've called other schools and have gone through textbooks that have conducted research on secondhand smoke and how it affects people," RHA president Jealaine Vaccaro said. "But what that research was missing was student input. What we are trying to do now is find out what students here at Northwest want. That's why RHA will be conducting our research with a survey to see where it goes."

If this were to go into effect, there are several processes that would need to be completed before it becomes a policy. The policy would need to be

approved by the RHA executive board, Residential Life, Student Affairs and the Board of Regents.

"We're not trying to deny people from smoking," Vaccaro said. "The residence rooms are homes to those that wish to smoke, but the rooms are also homes to other people. The general idea, if it was to go through, would be a slow phase out, we're not going to go cold turkey and throw the policy in effect right away."

The survey is being conducted to get a viewpoint on student reactions.

"Some people will oppose, which is why we are conducting a survey," Vaccaro said. "We're putting feelers out to see the reaction."

Some students at Northwest who know about the proposal said that it is an infringement on their

rights.

"If something like that were to go into effect, it would be infringing our right to smoke," said Karen Warner, Phillips Hall resident. "If you're 18, then it's not illegal to smoke. The policy sounds dumb and it won't pass. Too many people here on campus smoke. Next thing you know, they won't even let us smoke outside."

Not all students are against the policy. Some students said the policy would be beneficial.

"Maybe it's for selfish reasons, but I hope something like this banning smoking in residence halls would pass," said Abby Heath, Millikan Hall fifth floor resident assistant. "I know it's harmful to be around secondhand smoke. It would be beneficial to the residence halls. Something like this policy probably wouldn't pass though. Even if there was such a rule, the smokers would probably find a way to retaliate against it some how."

RHA is proposing this policy because they think the it would benefit students in the long run.

"RHA is just trying to do what is best for a living and educational environment," Vaccaro said. "If residents at Northwest are against this then we won't push it no more. It'll be dropped."



Photo illustration by Mike Ransdell/Assistant Photography Director

The residence hall association is attempting to ban smoking in all residence halls to make the living and educational environment better for students. RHA is hoping on-campus that all students will take part in a survey they are distributing to find out their reaction to the proposed ban. A complete ban of smoking in the halls would take from three to six years to implement. There are also several processes to go through if this were to become a policy. Final approval would ultimately come from the Board of Regents.



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Arrests shock community

The suspects

Age: 20
Hometown: Lee's
Summit
Major: International
business



■ **Phillip
Baldwin**

Age: 20
Hometown: Kansas
City
Major: Broadcasting



■ **Brian
Campbell**

Age: 20
Hometown: Ravenwood
Occupation:
Construction, former
Northwest
student



■ **Travis
Canon**

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Students admit part in robbery

by Jacob DiPietre
Special Assignments Reporter

The two Northwest students arrested Monday and charged with the 1997 murder of a 56-year-old convenience store clerk have confessed to robbery but said Travis Canon pulled the trigger.

Brain Campbell, junior broadcasting major, Phillip Baldwin, junior international business major, and Travis Canon, former Northwest student, have been charged with first degree murder, armed criminal action, unlawful use of a weapon and first degree robbery.

In an affidavit filed on Monday, Campbell and Baldwin told the Missouri Highway Patrol and Gary Howard, Andrew County sheriff, they participated in the robbery with Canon, but he shot the clerk, Gracie Hixson, twice.

The affidavit gave no explanation for either the robbery or shooting.

Bond for the three men has been set at \$1 million each. Campbell and Baldwin are in custody in the Andrew County jail while Canon has been moved to Buchanan County.

Howard said it is common practice to transfer prisoners between the two jails.

Gracie Hixson, a grandmother from Fillmore, was found around 4 a.m. Oct. 12 at the Shop & Hop convenience store located about 15 miles south of Maryville at the junction of U.S. Highway 71 and Missouri Route B.

Police are not releasing why the three suspects are in custody or their motive.

However, Ben Espey, Nodaway County sheriff, said a search warrant to find the murder weapon was obtained from David Baird, Nodaway County prosecuting attorney, and served at a residence in Ravenwood, where Canon is from.

Espey said nothing was recovered and, as of press time, no murder weapon had been found.

Although no weapon has been found Jerry Biggs, Andrew County prosecuting attorney, said he still feels he has a strong case.

"The investigators did a real good job," Biggs said. "There are compelling cases against each of them."

Campbell and Baldwin were both arrested Monday on campus. Andrew County sheriff deputies were escorted on campus by Campus Safety officers. The officers arrested Baldwin in his French class and found Campbell in his residence hall room. Canon was arrested in St. Joseph while working at a construction site.

University President Dean Hubbard said he was saddened by the developments in the case but was pleased Campus Safety assisted in the investigation and apprehension of the suspects.

Since the murder Jim Marcum, owner of the Shop & Hop, has taken steps to deter further criminal acts.

Additional metal bars on the windows and a new video camera system were installed. Also, Marcum changed the store hours and altered the schedule to include two employees on duty after 8 p.m.

Glen Zahnd, Andrew County circuit judge, set a preliminary hearing for 9 a.m. Dec. 9 in Savannah.

Suspects' friends cope with unexpected jailings

by Lindsey Corey
News Editor

Friends have expressed shock since Monday's arrest of two Northwest students in connection with last year's murder of Gracie Hixson, but they are not surprised the two told authorities former student Travis Canon pulled the trigger.

"I think he's capable of it," one of Canon's ex-girlfriends said. "He's been in a lot of trouble before and it's scary, but I can see him doing it."

Philip Baldwin and Brian Campbell said in an affidavit filed Monday they were involved with the robbery of Midway's Shop & Hop convenience store, but it was Canon who shot night-clerk Hixson twice.

Still, the signed confessions were not enough to convince Canon's family of his guilt.

"I don't believe it, of course," Travis's mother Margie Canon said. "If you ask anyone, they'd say he was the perfect child. He was even in the D.A.R.E. program."

Margie was able to visit her son in Buchanan County Jail Tuesday and said he was doing well.

"He said he didn't do it and thinks he'll get out," Margie said.

However, she is still weary.

"I just don't trust the system, because it has failed us before," she said. "I really think he's innocent, but if they are guilty, they need to be punished."

When the news came, friends of Campbell, Baldwin and Canon gathered in disbelief to try to sort things out and comfort one another.

"When I've heard about cases like this in the past, I've always felt for the victims. Now I know what it's like to be on the other side," said Lori Farnan, friend and former classmate of Canon.

Many refuse to believe their friends could be associated with murder charges.

"Knowing him (Campbell) the way I do, I can't picture him doing anything like that, and until somebody can prove it to me or he tells me, it's impossible," said Wendy Broker, a broadcasting and journalism major who dated Campbell during high school. "There's been a lot of talking between friends. It's a constant support group."

Campbell and Baldwin were members of the Fellowship of Tower Gaming Society.

"You don't ever consider some-

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Victim's relatives plan to attend trial

by Lindsey Corey
News Editor

Gracie Hixson's daughters did not have the opportunity to say goodbye, and her granddaughter never said hello.

Hixson, 56, was murdered Oct. 12, 1997, while working the late shift at Midway's Shop & Hop convenience store. Two months later, Grace Ellen Owens was born.

"It's still hard to face that she's not here," Hixson's daughter Nancy Owen of Maryville said. "My kids will never know their grandmother and that's one of the hardest things."

Hixson, of Fillmore, left behind a husband, Clyde, of 36 years, four children and six grandchildren. Owens said the family will be represented well during the trial of St. Joseph construction worker Travis Canon and Northwest students Phillip Baldwin and Brian Campbell. Owens said Monday's arrests were a welcome surprise since she had come to the realization that her mother's killer may never be found.

"It's a sense of relief," she said. "We'll have better closure once the trial's over, but it is another step in the ladder. This is round two and now we will at least have answers."

Hixson worked the night-shift at the store for seven and a half years. Owens described her as a night owl who loved her job and was never afraid to go to work in the desolate area. Still, Owens said "we all worried." Owens said there was only one time her mother did not want to go to work.

"It wasn't that she was sick or anything, she just didn't feel like going in and that was very unusual for her," Owens said. "That was the night it happened."

Hixson's other daughter, Jamie Hall, was living in Illinois at the time of the death and said that wasn't the only out-of-the-ordinary occurrence that day. She said she was very close to her mother, and being best friends, they "always had a sort of psychic bond." Hall said when something was wrong, one of them would call "just feeling things weren't right."

"I woke up and sat straight up in bed," Hall said. "When I looked at my alarm clock it said 3:27 that morning and I had a bad feeling."

But this time Hall did not call to check on her mother. Authorities put the time of death at between 3:30 and 3:45 a.m. Those who knew her remember Hixson as a generous, kind-hearted person.

"She'd give the clothes off her back if she thought someone needed them worse than her," Hall said. "Mom was simple, country folk."

The family has coped with the loss by spending time together. Hall moved to Bolckow one month after the murder to be closer to her father and siblings.

"We've really been there for each other," Owens said. "We talk about her a lot, and we cry and it helps."

Neither sister said she is scared or worried about attending the trial; rather, the two look forward to it.

Hall said her only fear is that justice will not prevail.

"I'm worried they will plea bargain the case down to nothing," Hall said. "That's not going to happen. It can't."



Bottom left Nancy Owens, Gracie Hixson, Clyde Hixson, top row Clyde Hixson II, Jamie Hall, Rusty Hixson. Gracie was murdered Oct. 12, 1997 while working at Shop & Hop.

Families and friends

The following are quotes about Brian Campbell, Phillip Baldwin and Travis Canon:

"I love Brian with all my heart, and I'll stand by him through the whole thing."

■ **Kim Wall,
Campbell's girlfriend**

"(Baldwin) was trying to help himself out and whoever says they wouldn't turn in their friends hasn't been faced with first-degree murder charges."

■ **Joe Jackson,
computer management
systems major**

"I don't believe it, of course. If you ask anyone, they'd say he was the perfect child. He was even in the D.A.R.E. program."

■ **Margie Canon,
Travis's mother**

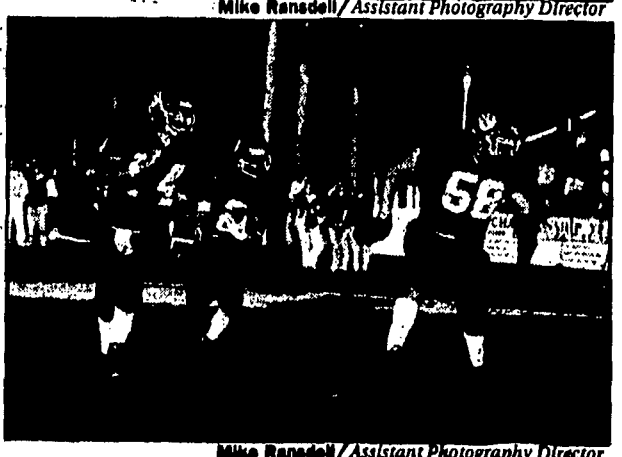
"I think he's capable of it. He's been in a lot of trouble before and it's scary, but I can see him doing it."

■ **one of Canon's ex-girlfriends**



Bearcat wide receiver Scott Courter catches his only pass during the Emporia State game on Saturday. Courter, a native of Maryville, was named to the third-team Academic All-District. Courter has a 3.8 GPA as a corporate wellness/parks and recreation management major.

With blockers Chris Grelson and Andy Erpelting out in front, wide receiver Seneca Holmes runs for a 35-yard touchdown. Holmes and the Bearcats will start the playoffs against the University of Nebraska-Omaha Saturday.



Mike Ranedell/Assistant Photography Director

The road to Florence starts in Maryville

Bearcats prepare to battle UNO Mavericks in first round of NCAA playoffs Saturday

by Collin McDonough
Contributing Reporter

After finishing the regular season with a perfect 11-0 mark, the Northwest football team takes aim at another perfect mark — 4-0.

The first step to the NCAA Division II championship comes in the form of the University of Nebraska-Omaha football squad at noon Saturday at Rickenbrode Stadium.

This is familiar territory for both teams. It marks the third time the teams have met in the NCAA Division II playoffs — the first coming in 1984, when the Mavericks knocked off the Bearcats 28-15. Then in 1996, the Bearcats rallied behind Jesse Haynes' one-hand catch as the clock expired to clinch the victory, 22-21.

Head coach Mel Tjeerdsma remembers the last time the teams met.

"That was a fun game," Tjeerdsma said. "We made mistakes, and they made mistakes. Both teams were very tight because it was the first playoff games for both in a long time. This time I expect it to be a much better played game."

Senior center Steve Coppinger said this game will be different from the last meeting between the Mavericks and Bearcats.

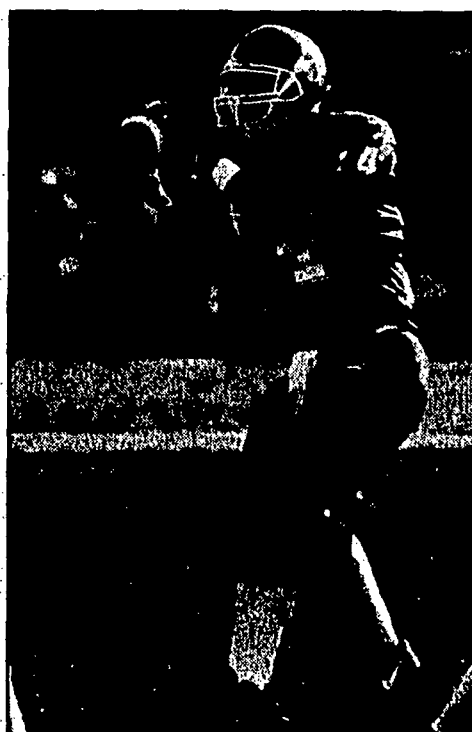
"For me, the last time was the first time of being in the playoffs, and I was just a sophomore," Coppinger said. "Now that I've got two years experience, I've got a feel for what is expected."

Tjeerdsma said the past two years of participating in the playoffs is going to play a big role Saturday.

"Experience is a plus for us," Tjeerdsma said. "They've played in only one playoff game, and we've played in four. It's a different atmosphere in the playoffs. You lose and there's no reprieve."

The Mavericks' senior quarterback Ed Thompson ran for over 1,000 yards and passed for over 1,000 yards for the second straight season.

"More than the stats, he has a real com-



mand of the offense," Tjeerdsma said. "All the players have confidence in him to lead them."

Senior quarterback Chris Grelson takes a snap from senior center Steve Coppinger against Emporia State Saturday. Grelson was named to the MIAA Football First Team, and also named Offensive Most Valuable Player. Northwest won the game 69-33.

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Senior linebacker Aaron Crowe said the UNO quarterback is similar to Missouri Southern's Brad Cornelson, who the Bearcats bottled up earlier this season.

"(Thompson) is like Cornelson because he's pretty quick, and he makes plays happen," Crowe said. "They are going to run it at us until we can stop it. I think we'll do just

fine, though."

Nebraska-Omaha's other offensive weapon is senior wide receiver MarTay Jenkins, Tjeerdsma said.

"He's a big play guy," Tjeerdsma said. "He can hurt you with the passing game or on a reverse. They try every game to get him a reverse, and he has made big plays on those."

Tjeerdsma said the key to the game lies in how the Bearcats' defense can slow down the Maverick's rushing offense.

"Defensively, we have to slow down the run, because we can't let them run the football," Tjeerdsma said. "We have to force them into punts so our offense can get on the field. If we let them control the football that is going to be that much tougher on us."

The loser of the game will be forced to play the winner in the first game next season.

Nebraska-Omaha and Northwest have agreed on a home-and-home series between the two schools, and it is the first game on the schedule in 1999.

Tjeerdsma said he hopes this turns into a yearly battle, because it would be good for both schools.

"It's a little bit of a rivalry now, because a number of our kids are from their area," Tjeerdsma said. "And the players they have are from that same area. It would be great to have that rivalry."

The winner of Saturday's contest will play the winner of the North Dakota-Northern Colorado battle.

"I feel sorry for both of those schools, because they have to prepare for the same team for the second straight week," Tjeerdsma said. "When I was coaching in Texas, we had to play teams twice in a season but never back-to-back games. I can't imagine how tough that is. It's really tough on the team that wins because it's tough to beat a team twice in a row, especially a good team twice."

Our View

Questions remain, divide community

The world has shown us within the last week that the unthinkable can happen at anytime.

After dealing with the incredible loss the Arn family and St. Joseph community experienced last Thursday, the Northwest community has been dealt yet another event to grieve.

On Monday, three males were arrested and charged for the murder of Gracie Hixson, a Shop and Hop worker who was murdered October 12, 1997. The case might have finally been solved, yet many unanswered questions still linger.

We still don't know what happened or how it happened. Time will answer those questions. But the question that may never be answered is the most important. We don't know why it happened.

How can it be that three Northwest students supposedly drove up to the Midway gas station and left alleged killers?

Their lives seemed pretty normal to the naked eye. Philip Baldwin and Brian Campbell were involved students at Northwest. Both were members of the Fellowship of Tower Gaming Society.

During the last two years, Campbell was a member of KDLX, the campus radio station, Radio-

Television News Director Association and North Complex Hall Council.

Baldwin stayed busy in his course work and had plans to get involved in student government. Travis Canon, worked as a construction worker in St. Joseph. They are all 20 years old and currently in jail, on a \$1 million dollar bond.

A sad story that gets worse. The Hixson family has grieved its loss without any explanations. For them, the questions are not over, but just beginning.

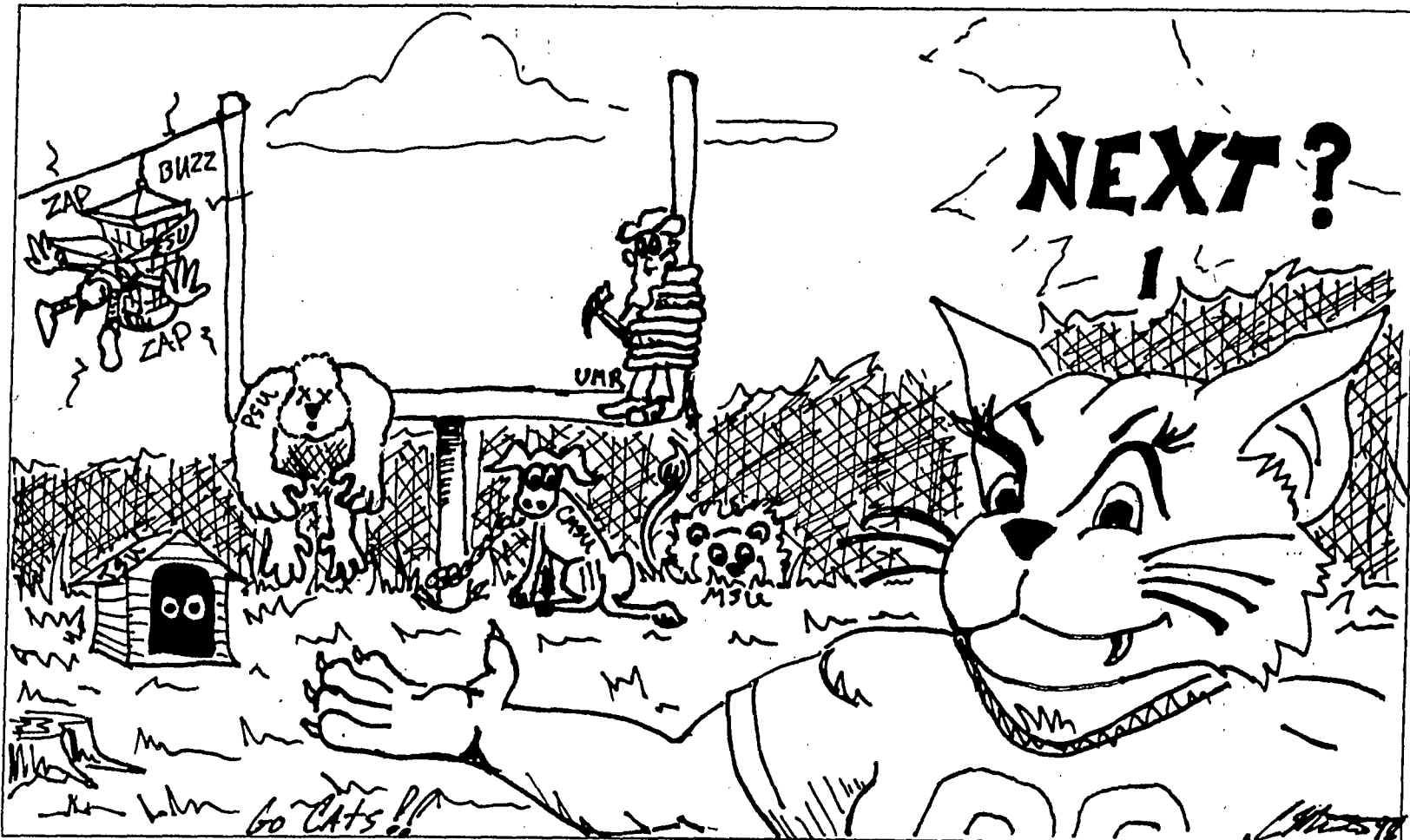
Now, with the search coming to an end with suspects in custody, it leaves the community wondering.

A community, which should be helping the families of the suspects and the victims deal with their grief, is failing miserably.

At the heart of the matter lies rumors and falsities that prove, instead of dealing with the grief, we are adding to it.

We as a community must be stronger than the rumor mill. We must stand above the lies and hearsay and look at the facts as they come to us.

Most important, we need to talk as a community and as friends to build a support system and work through the grief and anger affecting our lives.



Viewpoint

Mozingo improvements continue through winter



David Middleton

Lake, golf course offer variety of activities for students and citizens

In March of this year, I changed the direction of my work and went from street superintendent to the superintendent of Mozingo Park and Lake maintenance.

My first summer at the lake has been a learning experience. Some of our accomplishments this year have been the installation of approximately two miles of an asphalt roadway into the entrance of the park, the establishment of an information booth and the construction of two new shelter houses, one of which was donated by the Pride Lions Club and built near the city boat ramp, the other was donated by the Kiwanis Club and built overlooking the golf course. The Masonic Lodge donated funds for the construction of seven more concrete pads in the R.V. park.

One of the biggest events of the year was the Fourth of July celebration at the lake. This was its second year and looks to become a tradition. Besides the people in the park, which consisted of approximately 2,000 car loads, there were about 50 to 60 boats on the lake to watch the fireworks.

In addition, Northwest Missouri State University and Maryville R-II High School conducted three cross country meets this fall. All competitions were held in the dam spillway where the maintenance crews had mowed the trails. This turned out to be a very good place for the competitions, as the parents and spectators could actually stand on top of the hill and watch the runners compete.

The Department of Conservation

also finished its projects this summer: a handicapped access fishing dock with a shelter house and privies, a double boat ramp with a fish cleaning station, privies and enough parking for 60 cars and trailers, plus handicap parking for boaters. Two more sites on the north end of the park were completed, one was a small, one boat ramp and privy and the other a 10 car parking lot for people to park and nature walk or hunt.

Future plans include the construction of a 30 foot by 130 foot building to be used by the water patrol and maintenance department for storage of equipment, transplanting trees throughout the park and building more black top roadways. In addition, plans are being made for a youth camp/education area, as well as working on receiving funding from grants for the construction of horse trails and walking trails. The walking trails will be open to the public by the spring of 1999.

Working at Mozingo Lake Park is very rewarding. Every day is a new challenge and the continuing development of the park is a reality we are all looking forward to. All of us who work at Mozingo are striving to provide the best facility available to the citizens of Maryville. We take great pride in our accomplishments and look forward to what lies ahead. With the continued support of the city, the citizens and different organizations, Mozingo Lake Park can only keep getting better.

David Middleton is the Mozingo Park maintenance superintendent

It's Your Turn

What was your reaction to the arrest of two Northwest students in relation to the Hixson murder case?



"It's a big surprise and a shock, it is hard to believe, they pretty much kept to themselves and never talked to anyone on the floor."

Andrew Whitaker, undecided major



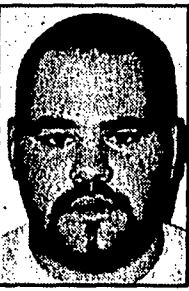
"I was shocked. I was surprised, I saw him in his room, and all he did was hang around. I never thought he would do something like that."

Tony Saccoman, accounting major



"I thought it was a shocker because he lives on my floor and I see him all the time. You can't judge a book by its cover."

Brian Boone, marketing major



"I was frightened and thankful the men had been caught."

Geoff Neil, pre-law major



"It blows my mind that someone who lives that close to me could be a murderer. I didn't know him personally, but I guess crazy things happen."

Nick Peasley, geography major



"I am shocked by the information but most the murderers are people you know."

Gary Bolin, computer science major



"I was kind of shocked that someone was getting charged for it now."

Matt Armstrong, journalism major

Those asked to answer this question were hallmates of Northwest students Brian Campbell and Phillip Baldwin, arrested Monday as suspects in the Gracie Hixson murder of Oct. 12, 1997.

My Turn

Fan support needed to continue winning teams

It was quite a weekend for sports at Northwest last weekend, and some of our teams got big wins.

There is no doubt the football team has won the hearts of its fans, going a 11-0 for a second straight year and winning its third straight MIAA title.

Mark Hornickel

The basketball team isn't too shabby either. Last season, the Bearcats went 23-7 and earned an MIAA championship as well. Then, on Saturday night the Bearcats started this year's season with a win over Benedictine College.

But if you were to keep track of fan support, the men's basketball team lost by a wide margin.

The estimated crowd at Saturday afternoon's football game between the Bearcats and the Emporia State Hornets was 7,500 — a full-capacity crowd at Rickenbrode Stadium.

Then, about three hours later, the men's basketball season tipped off in front of a mere 1,000 fans at Bearcat Arena. Granted, Bearcat Arena is not nearly big enough to hold 7,500 people for a basketball game, but the estimated attendance for the basketball game was much less than half of Bearcat Arena's capacity.

Maybe the numbers were so different because the football team was competing against another top-ranked team in a championship-caliber game, while the basketball team was playing against a lesser known school, and the season was just beginning.

No matter what the reasons are, the basketball team is not going to have similar successes of the football team without a boost in fan support this year.

Head basketball coach Steve Tappemeyer told me this himself last week.

"A big part of our success, if we're going to be successful, is what kind of atmosphere we can generate in Bearcat Arena," Tappemeyer said. "We'll have to go on the road and strap it on and go against people in some pretty hostile environments. We need to create that here. A rowdy crowd can make about eight or 10 points difference in a win."

I learned first hand what fan support can do for a team at Olathe South High School. And Bearcat forward Marcus Glenn might be able to back me up because he played his high school ball at South's cross-town rival Olathe East.

At South, our boy's basketball team made three straight trips to the 6A Kansas State basketball tournament and two straight trips to the championship game. The team went 23-1 in 1996, losing the championship game and finally winning it all in 1997.

The team didn't make it there without arguably the greatest fans in the state of Kansas. We were rowdy. We taunted the opposing players and 90 percent of us didn't have a voice when the game was over.

There is no question in my mind that a rowdy atmosphere, like the one we had at Olathe South and the one we currently have at Bearcat football games, creates an awesome atmosphere for the home team to play in.

The football team has had another stellar season and their tremendous fan support must continue for the team to do well in the playoffs. But the Bearcat basketball team isn't going to repeat its MIAA championship season unless the Rickenbrode Rowdies bring their wild crew over to Bearcat Arena too.

Mark Hornickel is the sports editor for The Northwest Missourian.

Letters to the Editor

Efforts praised

Dear Editor,

Speechless ... one word to describe my feelings right now.

Teary-eyed ... another. I was absolutely astonished when I went to drop off a bag of canned food at the Environmental Services Building on campus. Anyone else who was there would probably agree with me in that the generosity shown by Maryville residents and Northwest students, faculty and staff in the Honduras Relief Effort was amazing! I could not believe the mounds of clothing, cleaning supplies, food items and the like that had been donated. I even heard one worker say that they were worried that all of the donated goods were not going to fit in the trailer of a Northwest semitruck! What a wonderful problem to have!

We are so fortunate to live in a country where the majority of people enjoy the "luxuries" of clean water, roofs over our heads and food on our tables. An effort such as this is one of the ways we can spread our good fortune.

I just wanted to thank and congratulate everyone who made donations and who helped out with this project. Your outpouring of goodwill will someday be returned to you!

Tricia Tuttle
graduate student

Equality in system

Dear Editor,

I found it rather interesting that there was such an uproar in the Missouri last week about the Missouri football playoff system. I am a former Platte County High School football player ('95 grad) who happened to witness the district system firsthand. My freshman year (1991 season) I was part of an undefeated Platte County team (9-0) that came to Maryville and got beat by the Spoofhounds, who ended the

season at 5-5 or 6-4, I believe). More recently, I watched another undefeated Platte County team get beat by Maryville two years ago.

How convenient that there was an absence of editorials denouncing the playoff system in the Maryville papers in the weeks following those games. The bottom line is that teams must perform in the district games. The playoffs, in effect, may start a week or two earlier. Even with a different system, you might have two great teams meet each other before they really should.

My senior year, we were 11-0 going into a game against 11-0 Odessa in the state quarterfinals. Should we have been playing in the state championship game instead? Maybe, but the fact is in high school football you have to play your heart out every week, especially toward the end of the season. This isn't the NFL we're talking about, where there are so many meaningless games at the end of the regular season.

The great aspect of the district system, and high school football, is that it allows teams who play hard when it counts to advance. I understand how the Spoofhounds feel, as I, and my teammates, were in their shoes at various times in the past. But the fact is, if the Platte County or Maryville teams we both "boo-hoo" over were really that good they would still be playing. Even if both teams play their hearts out, there has to be a winner and a loser sometime. And when you look at recent history, the Spoofhounds have benefited as well as suffered from the district system.

Ben Prell
political science major

Articles criticized

Dear Editor,

I'm writing in response to two articles in last week's edition by Jennifer Meyer and Mark Hornickel, whose articles dealt with Maryville being "cheated" out of the state playoffs.

Not only did Miss Meyer's article lower the standards of herself and her paper by using profanity, both articles were equally misleading and, in my opinion, wrong.

First of all, Maryville did have a chance to compete for the state championship, but they lost. They were not cheated, just beat by a better team that day.

The columns both stated Maryville didn't get a chance to play for the state title, but district's ARE the state playoffs. Why should Maryville get a free pass to the state title?

The columns both seemed to think Maryville deserved a title shot just because of regular season record, but what about teams that play tougher schedules or play bigger schools all year long? Take 2A, District 16, for example. Trenton entered districts with a 2-5 record; LeBlond entered with a 5-2 record.

Under your theory, LeBlond should advance to the state playoffs, but they were dominated by Trenton and were clearly the lesser team. Why? LeBlond played mainly 1A schools all season long and Trenton played state ranked 2A teams for most of the season.

Cameron, winless going into districts; played schools that were bigger all season, but gave Trenton their best game in district play.

What upsets me the most about the articles was that they complained, yet gave no solution to the problem.

The articles both blamed MSHSAA for Maryville not advancing into the playoffs when Chillicothe was the real reason Maryville didn't advance.

Anybody still upset about the playoff system, don't waste your time writing MSHSAA. This is the same system they use in every sport and they aren't going to change it just because one school can't win the big game. Save your time and e-mail me instead. kempers@asde.com

Bryce Dean Kemper
undecided major

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Counselors help cope

by Erica Smith
Editor in Chief

The arrests of three suspected murderers may have left friends and family trapped in turmoil.

Northwest Counseling Center Director Liz Wood likened the emotional confusion resulting from the arrest of construction worker Travis Canon and Northwest students Brian Campbell and Philip Baldwin to the grief process.

"I think that understanding that people are going to have a lot of different reactions is critical, and if we look at it in the context of grief reaction, then the first thing people are going to experience is shock and denial," Wood said.

Anger, bargaining, actual grief and resolution are the next steps in the process. Wood said one of the best things people can do is talk.

"There are two different kinds of talking that need to go on," she said. "One is the talking with your friends and peers and getting a lot of that emotion out. The other part of talking is being involved with somebody that is not directly connected. Whether it's talking to a counselor

who can help you sort through your feelings or talking to some other adult — a hall director, your adviser, your minister. I think that it's really important to get some kind of help in managing those emotions."

Wood also recommended becoming involved in volunteer work, to "make a contribution to something good in the face of something that's just terrible."

She said everyone must take steps to work past this situation, but must also remember they will forever be affected by it.

"The thing to keep in mind is I don't think anybody is ever going to be the same," Wood said. "It can't happen. The hopeful thing, and it's really hard to talk about hopeful at a time like this, but the hopeful thing is that people will have grown and learned and will have a different kind of peace as a result of it."

Wood said research indicates the grieving process lasts at least a year. "It's almost as though you have to pass the anniversary date of whatever the event that happened before you can really, really get through it," she said. "A lot of time when we're working, particularly with young

people who are grieving, they keep saying, 'I should be over this by now. I don't understand, it's been a whole month.' I'm sorry, but that whole month is nothing in terms of what you're going to experience."

The Counseling Center has created emergency slots to help people deal with the shock of the arrests. Wood said the arrests of the students have affected the Northwest community and left a lot of questions.

"The one question that people are going to be asking the most is why did this happen," Wood said. "And I think that's really what's so difficult, that it just can't be answered at a time when you want to put some sanity back in the world and have a concrete answer. You just can't do it."

Wood said lessons can be learned from the situation.

"No. 1, you don't always know what's going on in somebody's life," Wood said. "And you need people. That you need people to share sorrow as well as joy."

The Counseling Center, 120 Wells Hall, is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. To set up an appointment, call 562-1220.

PROFILE

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thing like this," John Edwards, FOT vice president, said. "I mean, these guys are a pretty good bunch."

Campbell, a broadcasting major, was also a member of North Complex Hall Council and KDLX. He was on the promotions staff and had two on-air shifts.

"I really liked him on and off-air," said Ruth Bliswell, psychology major and KDLX Web director. "He went to a lot of remotes and was really dedicated."

Baldwin, an international business major, was a Boy Scout and had plans to join student government next semester, friends said.

Joe Jackson, Northwest student, has known Baldwin for six years and lived with him two years ago.

"I remember he took the ACT and got a 31 the first time," Jackson said. "He had a bright future and could have gone anywhere."

Jackson, who worked with Baldwin during high school, said he learned a great deal from Baldwin and got him involved with computer games and a new style of music.

"He didn't take anything at face value," Jackson said. "That's why I liked him. He wasn't a follower, and he was different."

Jackson said people calling Baldwin and Campbell "narc" for placing the blame on Canon can't possibly understand the situation.

"He was trying to help himself out and whoever says they wouldn't turn in their friends hasn't been faced with first-degree murder charges," Jackson said. "If they say they wouldn't turn a friend in, they're stupid."

The students closest to the accused said they will support them despite the extreme circumstances.

"I love Brian with all my heart, and I'll stand by him through the whole thing," said Kim Wall, Campbell's girlfriend and a computer science major.

SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT

Responses from Sgt. Larry Bodenhamer, investigator with Missouri State Highway Patrol, unless otherwise specified.

Hearsay: The suspects were on drugs at the time.
Fact: "I wouldn't say it was a drug related crime."

Hearsay: Travis Canon has prior arrests and a history of violent acts.

Fact: According to County Clerk Division 1 Court, on Feb. 4, 1997, Canon plead guilty to Class C felony stealing and Class B misdemeanor disturbing the peace. His sentence was 21 days in jail and five years probation.

In June of 1997 he violated probation when he quit his job without notifying his probation officer. He was sentenced to 40 hours of community service.

On Feb. 27 Canon plead guilty to a minor in possession of alcohol summons. He was sentenced to 45 days in jail.

The police record does not indicate a history of violence.

Hearsay: Suspects are members of a vampire cult.

Fact: John Edwards, vice president of Fellowship of Tower Gaming Society, said Campbell and Baldwin played role-playing games as vampires but never thought they were vampires. FOT members get together to play board games and other types of game. In role-playing games, members play the roles of fictional characters, acting out how the characters would handle different situations. Bodenhamer said FOT was not related to the investigation.

Hearsay: The murder may be related to an on-campus car theft the day of the murder last year.
Fact: "I can't confirm or deny that."

Hearsay: Travis Canon's father turned him in.
Fact: "Absolutely not."

Hearsay: One of the suspects admitted his guilt when he was drunk.
Fact: "No comment."

Hearsay: Others knew about the relationship between the suspects and the murder before the men were arrested.

Fact: "Yes, someone knew. We had information come to us from a source obviously. We think there are others who know, too and that is troubling. We are still investigating."

Hearsay: The \$10,000 reward offered by Shop & Hop for information leading to the arrests was awarded.
Fact: "Not to my knowledge."

Hearsay: The murder weapon was found at a suspect's residence.
Fact: Nodaway County Sheriff Ben Espey said no weapon was recovered from the search warrant of a residence in Ravenwood.

Hearsay: Gracie Hixson had turned Travis Canon in to authorities for paying with a bad check.
Fact: Canon has no record of bad checks in the District 1 Court.

Hearsay: Brian Campbell and Philip Baldwin were removed from Northwest classrooms by law enforcement Monday.

Fact: "Campbell was in his dorm room and accompanied us without any problems. We did go through Campus Safety and they contacted the other one through class. We appreciated their help because we didn't want to interrupt class, but it's not like he parked in the wrong space. It is a homicide investigation. We didn't want to prolong things, so we tried to do it as soon as possible and as quietly as possible."

Oct. 11, 1997

Early '90s powder blue Ford Tempo keys stolen from library. Car is possibly involved in murder

Oct. 12, 1997

Gracie Hixson is shot and robbed around 3 a.m.

Nov. 16, 1998

2 p.m. Three suspects are arrested.

2:15 p.m. Search warrant served at Ravenwood residence.

4 p.m. Brian Campbell and Philip Baldwin point finger at Travis as murderer, in affidavit.

Hilarie Jezlik/Online Graphics Editor

Charity project promotes giving during holidays

by Stephanie Clarkin
Missourian Reporter

Several members of the Northwest community gathered at Franklin Park to get one step closer to earning their wings at the Angel Tree Lighting ceremony Monday night.

The purpose of this Panhellenic-sponsored charity is to play roles as an angel for children and senior citizens in Nodaway County.

Anyone who wishes to participate may buy a \$5 to \$10 toy for a child, or food or fruit basket items for a senior citizen.

The tree will be covered with

angel ornaments. After the tree is lit, a participant picks an ornament providing volunteers with recipient information such as age, gender and what they would like for Christmas and a designated number used for confidentiality purposes.

"It is important because it helps out the kids," said Sara Lovely, vice president of programming for Panhellenic.

Last year 65 children were given angels and 85 are involved with this year's charity.

This is the first year for the program to reach out to the seniors. Thirty seniors will receive donations of food.

Panhellenic decided to add the seniors this year because last year there was a demand for more recipients after the 65 names were taken. The increase was a result of the communities active roll in the program. The Maryville Civic Center provides the list of people they think would benefit most.

"It helps out the needy people in the community that cannot afford things for Christmas," education major Lindsay Lund said.

Toys and food baskets bought for the individuals need to be turned into the Panhellenic office in the Thompson-Ringhold building by Dec. 2.



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Sorority members look at angels on the Angel Tree during a ceremony held in Franklin Park Monday night. The event is sponsored by Panhellenic.

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Irish dancers tap onto stage

Spirit of the Dance sells out performance

by Kimberly Mansfield
Missourian Reporter

Sixty thunderous feet will dance as one across the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center's stage at 7:30 tonight.

The sold-out performance of Spirit of the Dance sets out to dazzle its audience by combining Irish step, tap, jazz, ballet and flamenco dance with a compelling story line and love songs.

"It makes you kind of want to get up and do it yourself," said Brian Vansodale, campus activity director. "It's very fast paced. It's one of those that will kind of get your adrenaline pumping."

The love story, produced and composed by David King in associa-

tion with Dublin Worldwide Productions, has been running for three years.

Patricia Murray, world Irish dance champion, leads the Irish International Dance Company in what has become one of the most successful theatrical productions in British theater. With about 30 dancers, the two-hour performance is a cross between a theater and dance production.

Vansodale watched a tape of the production before deciding to schedule the performance.

"It totally amazes me, how they do that," Vansodale said. "That there are 35 people cast, and at times you cannot tell. It looks like one person out there, not 35. They are just so in sync and so together. That amazes me. I think of the hours upon hours of practice they have to put in to be able to do that, and the talent they have. I can't wait. I've got my ticket. I just think it is so incredible."



A cast of around 30 members in Spirit of the Dance will take the stage at 7:30 p.m. at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. The Irish dance production combines a story line and love songs with traditional Irish steps. The production was devised by Dublin Worldwide Productions and has seen success in British theaters.

Language for tourism offered

by Stephanie Clarkin
Missourian Reporter

Art students attending a trip to both France and Spain this summer will benefit from two courses offered only this spring semester.

French for tourism and Spanish for tourism will benefit these students and others with survival skills regarding the language and culture of nations they will visit.

"This class includes the language the students will need to survive," said Lia Bradley, French and Spanish for tourism instructor.

Bradley will use role playing techniques and conversational and cultural activities to enable students to get an idea of experiences they may encounter during their trip.

Art Professor Philip Laber will be guiding the students on their trip and is responsible for the development of these classes.

"After the first time I went on the tour I realized the students were not prepared to pick up and leave and they did not get the most out of the culture," Laber said.

In order to solve this problem before his last trip to Italy, Laber decided to find an Italian scholar to teach a preparatory course on the language and culture. As a result the students were able to interact with natives better. Laber then decided to create another preparatory course designed for this summer's trip.

"The approach we want to take in these courses is not only language but geography, history, culture and art," Laber said. "We want to look at the country holistically and not at just the subject that we are studying."

The classes are available to anyone. French for tourism (14-200-01) has 7 openings and will be offered Jan. 11-Feb. 26. Spanish for tourism (14-200-02) has 17 openings and will be offered Mar. 1-Apr. 30. Each class is a block course worth one credit.

Trip to Mexico examines exchange programs

3 universities prove excellent quality

by Toru Yamauchi
Senior Reporter

Seven Northwest students realized "seeing is believing" after a five-day trip to visit three universities in Monterrey, Mexico, last week.

Negar Davis, International Programs and Multicultural Affairs director, said the trip examined the universities' exchange programs to determine whether Northwest should continue developing the programs.

Northwest has exchange programs with two universities,

Instituto Tecnológico de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey and Universidad de Monterrey. It is beginning exchange programs with Universidad Regiomontana, including an online exchange, next semester.

Davis said she was pleased with these three universities' curriculums and academic and learning environments after she talked with presidents, deans, faculty and exchange students at the three universities.

Davis said all three universities have "good, solid programs," and are excellent institutions.

The goal of the International Programs Office was to provide the best possible advising to potential

Northwest study-abroad candidates through students who experienced the culture first hand, Davis said.

It was the first experience for Angel McAdams, Student Senate president, to go abroad, and she said it has changed her immensely.

"One thing that it did for me is make me a little bit more aware of how exchange students and international students feel on this campus, because I was put into that situation," McAdams said.

McAdams said she plans to go to ITESM during the spring 2000 semester as an exchange student.

Also, the trip made her realize there are possibilities to work abroad.

"I have this stronger desire now

to learn more about other cultures and become well educated about other lifestyles and cultures and experiences," McAdams said.

The trip was initiated by University President Dean Hubbard through his plan to let students examine the exchange programs in Mexico, Davis said. The International Programs Office and the president's office sponsored the trip.

McAdams was given the responsibility to choose six other students for the trip: Sinan Atahan, Daniel Ayala, Mark Bigelow, Rita DeSignore, Susan Garrett and Cedric Norton. She said they are from different majors and backgrounds.

McAdams also said she chose

students who considered the trip as work and not a vacation.

McAdams said she did not think the trip needed to be publicized, because she was afraid of not being able to select trip members who represent Northwest students.

The members were approved by the International Programs and Multicultural Affairs Office and International Programs Committee, Davis said.

It was the first student trip in several years. The last trip was to Czech Republic, Davis said.

The International Programs Office is located in room 205 of the Thompson-Ringold Building. With questions regarding the programs, contact the office at 562-1367.

University Briefs

Club sponsors sale

The Art Education Club will play host to a fine art auction and sale Friday in the foyer of the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

Viewing of artwork will begin at 6 p.m. with the auction following at 7 p.m.

Artists will also have work displayed for sale that will not be auctioned. Artwork will include pottery, paintings and jewelry items.

Proceeds will be divided between student, faculty and alumni artists and the Art Education Club for a scholarship and operating expenses. For more information contact the art department at 562-1314 or 562-1326.

Professor to present

Coming from the West Coast, a multicultural education speaker will address Northwest students in a program titled "The Culture of Teaching vs. The Teaching and Learning of Culture" at 7 p.m., Dec. 2 in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

Emile Wilson, assistant professor of international and multicultural education at the University of San Francisco, will be on campus Dec. 1 and 2. He will have a series of presentations throughout his visit.

The International Programs and Multicultural Affairs Office is sponsoring Wilson. Although the office usually sponsors a multicultural dinner and speaker in the fall, it has

changed its format this year, director Negar Davis said.

Instead, the office will invite student organization leaders to the International and Multicultural Panel Nov. 30.

Wilson is from the same university as Davis, who came to take the director position in July. The Dec. 2 speech is open to the public, and admission is free.

Trophies to be given

The announcement of the Homecoming supremacy trophies for the sororities, fraternities and independents at Northwest will be Monday during halftime of the men's basketball game in Bearcat Arena.

Donations aid effort

Northwest collected 23,000 pounds of donated clothing, food and medicine last week for residents of Honduras after Hurricane Mitch devastated the area.

The donated goods were taken to Memphis, Tenn., Friday by Heart to Heart, a non-profit organization in Kansas City, Kan., and mailed to Honduras by Federal Express Sunday.

International Programs, Multicultural Affairs Office and Hispanic American Leadership Organization organized the Honduras disaster relief effort after the hurricane hit two Northwest students' homes.

Community Briefs

Carriage rides offered

The Heart of the City will offer free carriage rides from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, from 6 to 8 p.m. Dec. 3, 10 and 17, and from 1 to 3 p.m. Dec. 24.

Carriages will make stops in the downtown area for rides. The annual event promotes local businesses.

Wabash suit ongoing

One of the ongoing series of lawsuits involving Wabash Trace Nature Trail in Nodaway County took a turn when a judge ruled in favor of landowners early this week at the Missouri Western District Appeals Court.

It was the first case among four

Wabash-related lawsuits to be decided in the appeals court.

This particular case was a battle over the proposed site of the "nature trail" in Nodaway County between adjacent landowners, primary litigant Bud Boyles and the Missouri Friends of the Wabash Trace Nature Trail, Inc. In the Nodaway County Circuit Court, the judge ruled in favor of Boyles last year.

Council seats open

Four people have applied for City Council seats. They are Ronnie Moss, Everett Walden, Rex Wallace and Lewis Moore.

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Banquet honors farm families

by Richard Hubble
Missourian Reporter

Several area residents in agriculture and agribusiness received recognition at the annual Nodaway County Farm City Banquet Monday.

During the banquet, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, Joe Espey was inducted into the Nodaway County Agriculture Hall of Fame. Espey has been involved in farming since he was a child.

Espey graduated from the Harvard Business School of Banking and was an agriculture officer and senior vice president at Nodaway Valley Bank from 1968-'88.

The guest speaker at the banquet was Susie Mires, Maryville resident and Northwest graduate in agriculture science. Mires spoke about the importance of women in agriculture.

"We don't really have to think

twice about who the person is that's central in this institution, the person who puts the "family" in family farm," Mires said during her speech. "We used to call them 'farm wives,' but now we just call them farmers, which is so much more simple and descriptive."

She received the American Future Farmers of America Degree as a student and was state vice president of FFA in 1992-'93. She is currently a Maryville Daily Forum reporter.

Other awards presented during the evening included the Outstanding Farm Family, given to Richard and Judy Patterson and their sons, Brad and Randy. Theresa Blackford received the award for Outstanding Farm Woman. The only award presented to a person outside of agriculture or agribusiness was the Outstanding Farm Advocate, which was given to Scott Graham.



Richard and Judy Patterson, with their sons, Brad and Randy, accept the Outstanding Farm Family of the Year award at the annual Nodaway County Farm City Banquet

Monday night. Other awards, including Outstanding Farm Woman and Outstanding Farm Advocate, were presented during the evening.

School Board continues driver's education

■ Price per student raised to \$160

by Kimberly Mason
Missourian Reporter

The Maryville R-II School Board decided in its meeting Wednesday night to continue its driver's education program on Northwest's campus.

Bob Lade, driver's education instructor, recommended the price per driver's education student be raised from \$150 to \$160. The board agreed to this motion.

Lade said 75 students participated in last year's driver's education program, and he hopes he will be able to accommodate all students who want to be in the program this summer.

"We'll try to get them all in if at all possible," Lade said.

Following Lade's report, Keith Nowland, Washington Middle School principal, told the board about the parent-teacher conferences seventh-grade students participated in this year.

Nowland said the seventh-graders had "student-lead conferences" in which the students prepared conference materials to be discussed during their conferences.

Nowland said this gave "a good deal of accountability" to the students. When questions about a student's performance arise, it's good to have the student, teacher and parent all present, he said.

Ron Landherr, Maryville High School principal, said he was pleased with the high school's parent-teacher conferences.

For the first time, a survey was given during the conferences that included questions such as what time parents would like to meet.

Landherr said an overwhelming number of parents want to continue holding conferences during one evening and one morning, rather than changing the schedule to

Center to help children

by Kimberly Mansfield
Missourian Reporter

It's a vision in the making for area children, families and communities and a place for them to turn in a time of crisis. The Children's Center of northwest Missouri is becoming a reality.

Bren Manaugh, former northwest Missouri Outreach coordinator for the St. Joseph YWCA's Rape Crisis and Domestic Violence Shelter and Services, was hired in August by the Steering Committee of the St. Joseph Youth Alliance to launch the Children's Center as an executive director.

The center will offer crisis and respite care for children from birth through 12 years of age whose parents are temporarily unable to care for them because of overwhelming stress. The building will include housing for children, an activity

center and a kitchen and laundry room.

"It will be very comprehensive, but efficient," Manaugh said. "We want it to feel comfortable and homelike for the children."

There will also be multi-use spaces for the staff during the day and counseling at night.

The center is committed to the prevention of child abuse and neglect and provides emergency intervention and support to families.

"There's nowhere for children to go in this community," Manaugh said. "It provides a place for children."

Mike Baumgartner, St. Francis Hospital president, proposed the Children's Center be built on hospital grounds. In addition, St. Francis is providing administrative support services for the center's staff.

"The project itself is extremely worthwhile," Baumgartner said. "It



fits right into our mission of serving those in need."

Plans for the Children's Center have been donated by Virgil Carroll. Manaugh hopes to break ground in the spring and have the project completed by the middle of 1999. St. Francis will donate the land.

Federal and state grants will help fund the center and provide a contract for services and community support.

After visiting a similar facility in St. Louis, Baumgartner said he is confident Maryville needs this.

Classic combines talent

by Kimberly Mason
Missourian Reporter

Dancing with sugar plum fairies and snow queens may just be a dream for some people, but that dream is coming true for 32 local ballerinas.

On Dec. 1, members of Heather's Dance Studio will be gracefully pirouetting with members of the International Ballet Theater in the classic Christmas ballet "The Nutcracker." The performance begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

Heather Chavez, owner of Heather's Dance Studio, 1410 S. Main St., said the ballerinas, between the ages of 4 and 13, have been rehearsing since the end of October for their debut. They will perform in the party and Mother Ginger scenes.

The girls have been rehearsing three times a week, aside from their regular dance classes.

Chavez was contacted by Bryan Vanosdale, campus activities director, in early October about performing with the International Ballet Theater. Performers in the International Ballet Theater are from Kerch, Ukraine, and will stop in Marville

Chavez said she was sent measurements for the children's costumes the company will bring with them. She had to choose 32 students out of 120 based on which ones fit the sizes of available costumes.

Instead of sending Chavez a written choreography of the dances, the International Ballet Theater sent a video of the dances she was supposed to teach the children.

"I had to watch the video to see the steps, and I had to teach the dances just from watching that," Chavez said. "That was hard."

Mainstage LCC is the booking agency for the International Ballet Theater. Paul Bartz, Mainstage partner, said in the eight years Mainstage has requested dancers from local studios where they were performing, they've never failed in finding children to participate.

The only time Chavez's students will rehearse with the ballet company is the day of the performance.

"The kids enjoy performing on stage," Bartz said. "Their parents and families like seeing them."

Seating is limited and only balcony seats are available. Tickets are \$14 and can be purchased at the Student Services Center in the Administration Building or at the door if the

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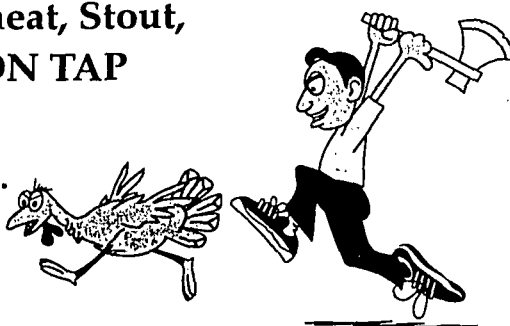


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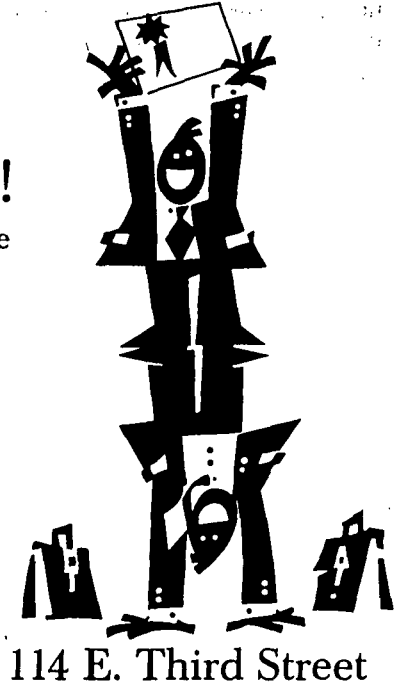
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Public Safety

Monday, Nov. 9

■ Officers received a complaint of a possible drug violation in the 500 block of North Buchanan Street. Contact was made with Jennifer D. Depriest, 22, Maryville, and Kelli D. McNulty, 20, Maryville. Upon investigation, drug paraphernalia and a green leafy substance were found. Both subjects were arrested on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance. They were released after posting bond.

■ A Maryville male reported the siding on his business had been damaged. There was a broken corner piece and a small hole in one of the side panels.

■ A local business reported a male subject had attempted to purchase alcoholic beverages with another driver's license. The subject left the area before officers arrived.

■ A local business requested an officer check an ID, and upon arrival, witnesses said the subject had left the store. The subject's license plate and vehicle description were given to the officer. The vehicle was stopped, and a summons for misrepresentation of age was issued to Jamie M. Hall, 18, Maryville.

Tuesday, Nov. 10

■ An officer responded to the 1100 block of North Main Street on a complaint of a loud party. Upon arrival, he observed a male subject holding an alcoholic beverage. When the subject observed the officer, he attempted to hide the beverage. Contact was made with the subject, Christopher D. Hurst, 18, Maryville, and he was issued a summons for minor in possession of alcohol.

■ A fire unit responded to a local school on an activated fire alarm. Upon arrival, no fire or smoke was

detected and it was determined the fire alarm system was not working properly.

■ A Maryville female reported the theft of her clothes from the clothes dryers at a local laundromat. Estimated value was \$825.

Wednesday, Nov. 11

■ John W. Mauzey, Maryville, was parked in McDonald's parking lot. His vehicle was struck by a driver who then left the scene.

■ Zachary S. Jury, Gladstone, was parked in the 1000 block of North Buchanan Street. His vehicle was struck by a driver who then left the scene.

■ A Maryville male reported he observed a vehicle parked in front of his residence had been damaged. The driver's side window had been broken and a rock was found inside the vehicle. A check of the vehicle revealed it belonged to a female from Omaha, Neb.

■ A Maryville female reported she had been missing a check. When she received her bank statement, the missing check was included. The check had been forged in the amount of \$97.56.

■ A Maryville male reported the fence in his backyard had been damaged. It appeared person(s) had attempted to climb it, and a section had been pushed over.

■ A street sign and three concrete lawn statues were recovered.

Thursday, Nov. 12

■ Officers were on patrol in the 1000 block of East Third Street when they observed a vehicle with an expired license plate. The vehicle was stopped, and the driver was identified as Jenny M. Schuytles, 21, Maryville. While talking with her, an odor of intoxicants was detected. She was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated after she could

not successfully complete field sobriety tests and her blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. She was also issued a citation for improper registration.

■ A Maryville female reported the theft of her black Audiovox cellular phone from her vehicle.

■ Officers received a complaint from a local establishment that a male subject was attempting to enter using another person's driver's license. Contact was made with the subject, identified as Christopher S. Dittmer, 18, St. Joseph, and he was taken into custody. During this process, alcoholic beverages were found in his possession, and he was issued a summons for minor in possession of alcohol and possession of another driver's license. He was released after posting bond.

■ Billy B. Blizzard, St. Joseph, was parked in the Food-4-Less parking lot. His vehicle was struck by a driver who then left the scene.

Friday, Nov. 13

■ An officer observed a vehicle fail to stop at a posted stop sign at Fifth and Market streets. The vehicle was stopped, and the driver was identified as Jeffrey B. Roe, 28, Jefferson City. While talking with him, an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated after he could not successfully complete field sobriety tests and his blood alcohol content tested above the legal limit. He was also issued a citation for failure to stop at a posted stop sign.

■ Michael C. Sansone, Kansas City, Mo., was southbound on North Main Street. As he was turning on to 12th Street, he lost control of his vehicle. The vehicle struck a stop sign. Sansone was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

■ A Maryville male reported while his vehicle was parked at his residence, the license plates were removed from the vehicle.

■ Gerald P. Walter, Maryville, was parked in the First Christian Church parking lot. His vehicle was struck by a driver who then left the scene.

■ A local business reported a female subject had attempted to purchase alcoholic beverages with an altered driver's license. The suspect left the business before officers could arrive, but the subject's license plate and vehicle description were given to the officer. The vehicle was later found, and contact was made with the driver, Kelly A. Daniels, 20, Maryville. After talking with her, she was issued a summons for possession of an altered driver's license.

■ An officer in the 400 block of North Walnut Street observed a female holding an alcoholic container. Contact was made with her, and she was identified as Irene E. Zamarripa, 20, Maryville. While talking with her, she threw the container on the ground. Zamarripa was issued a summons for minor in possession of alcohol and for littering.

■ A Maryville male reported to an officer the theft of a sign from above the entrance to his business. The sign was green with white lettering that said "Welcome NWMSU Students." The estimated value was \$250.

Saturday, Nov. 14

■ Fire engines responded to a fire in the 500 block of East Jenkins Street. The owner had been burning leaves when the fire got out of control and spread to a wooden fence. The fire was extinguished with minor damage to the fence.

Sunday, Nov. 15

■ An officer stopped a vehicle in the 1400 block of North College Drive for a traffic violation. While talking with the passenger, Joshua C. Brumback, 19, St. Joseph, an alcoholic beverage container was found in his possession, and he was issued a summons for minor in possession of alcohol.

■ Officers responded to the 700 block of West Second Street on a complaint of a loud party. Upon arrival, a male subject was observed carrying an alcoholic beverage. He was identified as Jared U. Knapp, 20, Peru, Neb. Drug paraphernalia and a green leafy substance were also found in his possession. He was arrested on charges of minor in possession of alcohol, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. After officers were granted entry into the residence, the party was shut down and permission was given for a search of the residence. Drug paraphernalia and a green leafy substance were found. The following arrests were made: Chad D. Ellerton, 25, Peru, Neb., possession of drug paraphernalia; Nekoma L. Hendrix, 20, Maryville, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia; and Michael L. Lemon, 19, Maryville, peace disturbance and possession of drug paraphernalia. All four were released after posting bond.

■ While in the 500 block of North Buchanan Street, an officer observed a vehicle cross over the centerline. The vehicle was stopped, and the driver was identified as Christopher B. Murr, 20, Tennessee, La. While talking with him, an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was arrested for driving while intoxicated after he could not successfully complete field sobriety tests and his blood alcohol level tested over the legal limit. He was also issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

Monday, Nov. 16

■ A bicycle was recovered from the 400 block of West Third Street.

Obituaries

Irene Mueller

Irene M. Mueller, 94, Maryville, died Nov. 11 at Parkdale Manor Nursing Home in Maryville. She was born July 12, 1904, to

John and Mary Mueller in Merrick County, Neb.

Survivors include several cousins. Services were Sunday at the First Baptist Church in Maryville. Burial will take place at a later date.

Sydni Wilmes

Sydni Marie Wilmes, infant, died Nov. 14 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She was born Nov. 14, 1998, to Charity Heriford and Mark Wilmes in Maryville.

Survivors include her parents; grandparents, Victoria Shipley, Robert Shipley, Ronald Heriford, Annette Heriford, Joe and Donna Wilmes; and great-grandmothers Dorla Taylor, Bonnie Heriford, Gertrude Wilmes and Trula David.

Services were Wednesday at St. Mary's Cemetery in Maryville.

Aaron Lavin O.S.B.

Brother Aaron J. Lavin O.S.B., 48, Conception, died Nov. 14 in Springfield.

He was born Feb. 13, 1950, to John and Helen Lavin in Fort Riley, Kan. Survivors include his father; one brother, Michael; and two sisters, Nancy Lavin and Peggy O'Brien.

Services were Wednesday at St. Columba Catholic Church in Conception Junction. Burial was at St. Columba Cemetery in Conception.

Lodema Allenbrand

Lodema June Allenbrand, 71, Maryville, died Nov. 15 at her home.

She was born July 31, 1927, to Emil and Dorothy Woody in Albany.

Survivors include four sons, Gene, Neil, Donnie and Richard; eight daughters, Linda Miller, Kathy Lee, Ruth Ann Wales, Lisa Allenbrand, Diana Dollars, Janice Stevens, Lori Rogers and Julie Walker; three brothers; one sister; 17 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

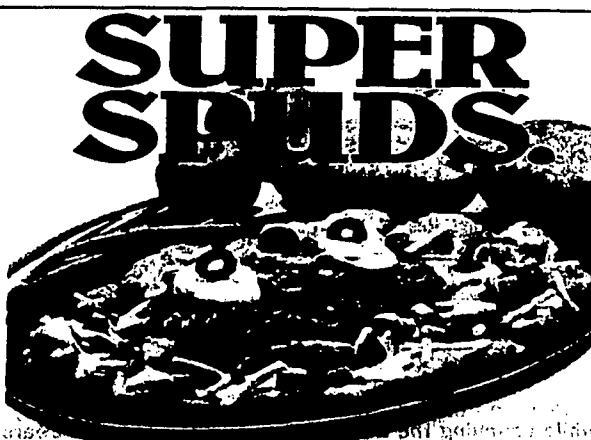
Services were Tuesday at Price Funeral Home in Maryville. Burial was at Nodaway Memorial Gardens in Maryville.

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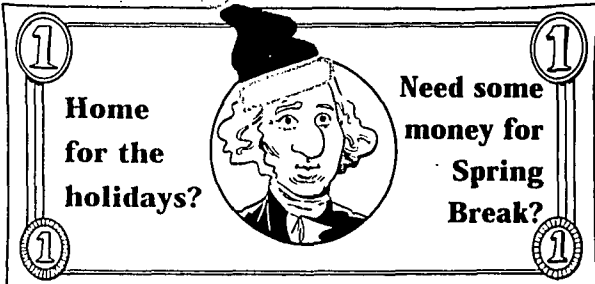
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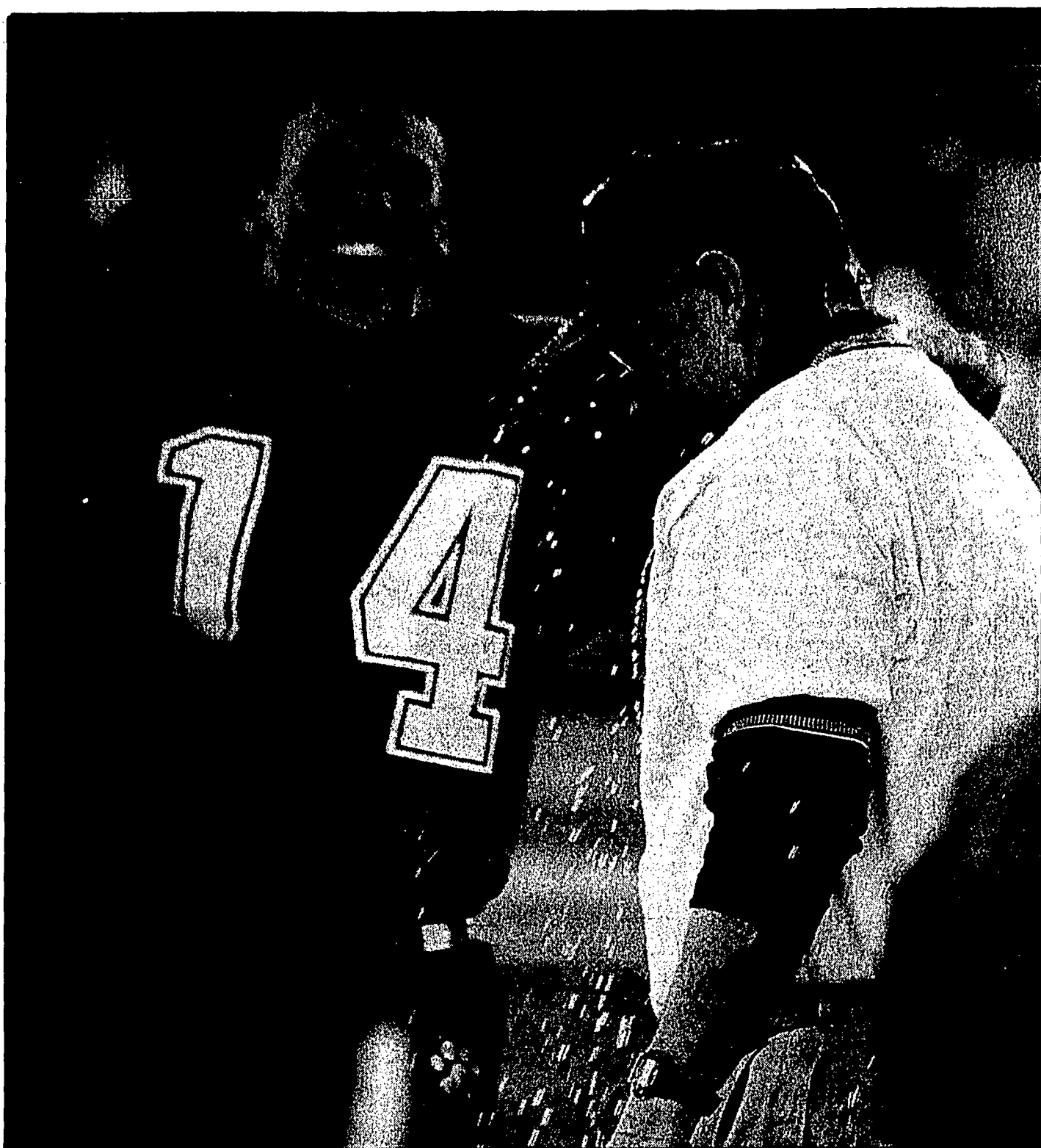
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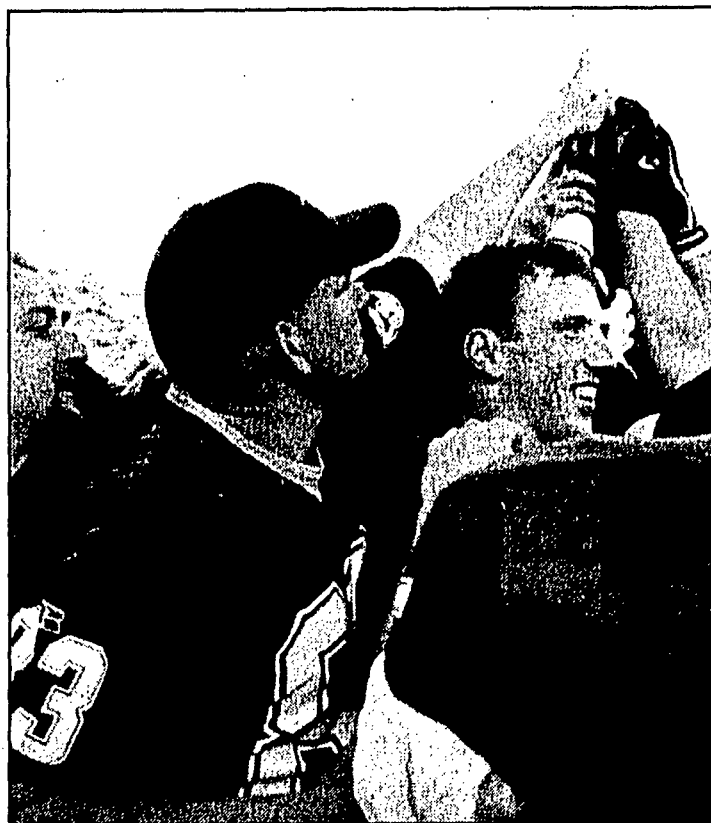
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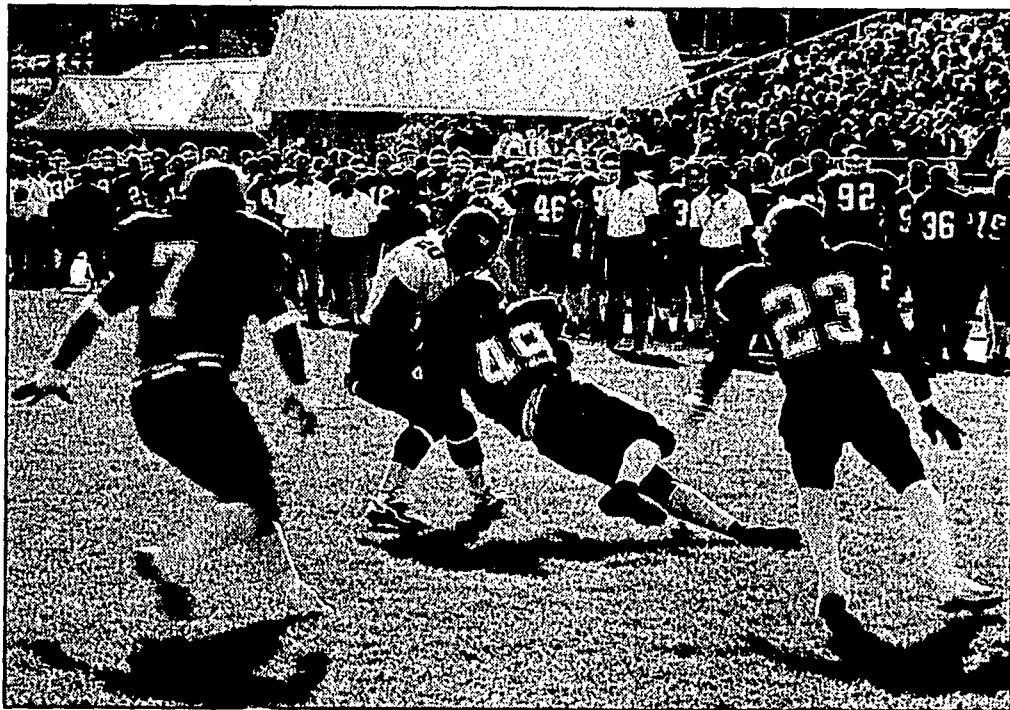


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Outside linebacker Wes Simmons, red shirt freshman Chase Bodenhausen and quarterback Chris Greisen celebrate after Saturday's win. The team met one goal for the season, making it to the playoffs for a third year in a row. Now it will tackle the playoffs and its quest for a NCAA title.

Mike Ransdell/Assistant Photography Director



John Petrovic/Missourian Photographer

Bearcat quarterback Chris Greisen has a laugh at head coach Mel Tjeerdsma's expense. Greisen held Tjeerdsma in place until his teammates could sneak in and douse their coach with water.

Saturday's win marked Tjeerdsma's 100th career win as a head coach. Tjeerdsma came to Northwest in 1994 and has earned a record of 40-19 while coaching the Bearcats.

Inside linebacker Brian Williams, No. 49, attempts to tackle Emporia State running back Brian Shay. The defense stopped Shay and held the Hornets to only 12 points in the second half. The Bearcats won the battle 69-33 at home Saturday in Rickenbrode Stadium.

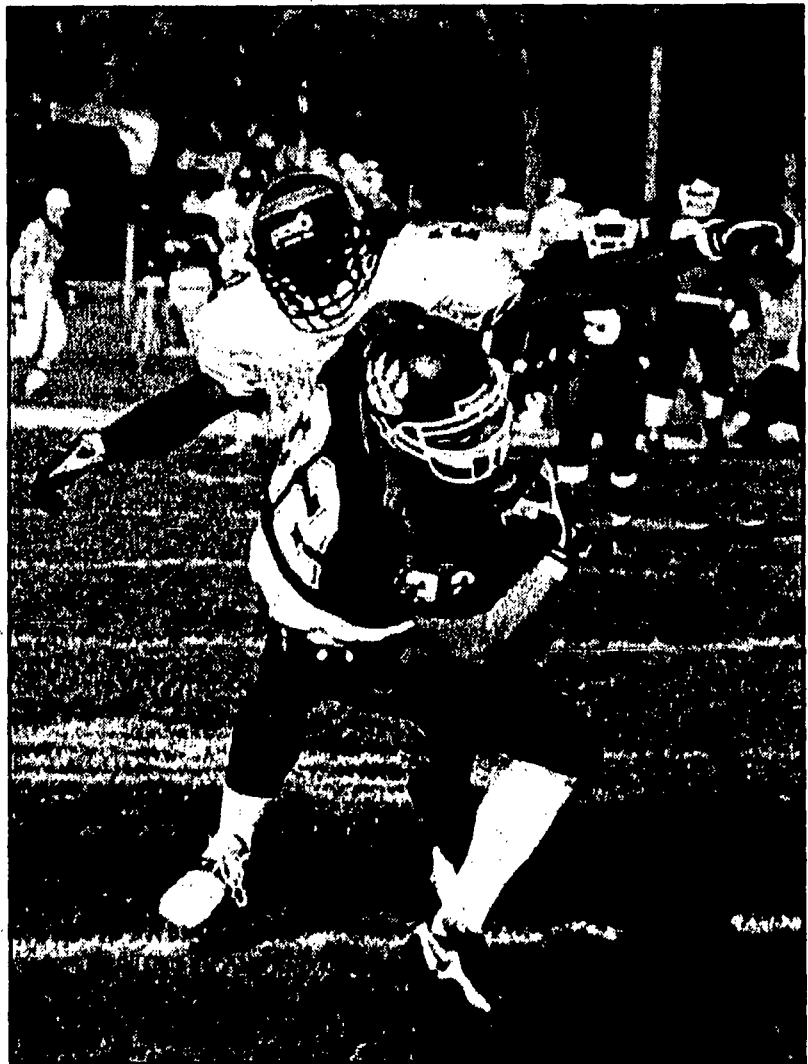


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Northwest running back Tucker Woolsey takes a pass and stretches it across the goal line for his first of two touchdowns. Woolsey also ran for 26 yards on the day.

including an 11-yard run for a touchdown. The 'Cats will look to repeat their scoring performance Saturday, as they take on the University of Nebraska-Omaha.

Senior running back Derek Lane avoids an Emporia State defensive back after an acrobatic catch. Lane finished the day with three catches for 40 yards. He also had 97 yards on 13 attempts rushing with two touchdowns. Lane will pull his troops together and square off against the Mavericks of the University of Nebraska-Omaha Saturday in the first round of the NCAA playoffs.



Mike Ransdell/Assistant Photography Director



Jennifer Meyer/Photography Director

Mark Maus, No. 82, tries to escape the grasp of an Emporia State player as he makes his way toward the endzone Saturday. Maus's touchdown was one of 10 scored by the 'Cats in the game, setting a new all-time single-game scoring record. The last record was set in 1973. Maus was named to the All-MIAA second team.



John Petrovic/Missourian Photographer

Athletic director Jim Redd and Bobby the Bearcat present the MIAA championship trophy to head coach Mel Tjeerdsma at the NCAA Division II selection show Sunday. Northwest will play the University of Nebraska-Omaha at noon on Saturday at Rickenbrode Stadium. The 'Cats and Mavericks met in the playoffs two years ago.

'Cats' players win numerous awards

Just days after earning its third straight conference championship, the Bearcat football team grabbed more honors Tuesday.

The MIAA named its MIAA Football Team Tuesday morning. Seven Northwest players were named to the first team, while Northwest also brought home seven second-team plaques and seven honorable mention awards.

In addition, senior quarterback Chris Greisen was named Offensive Most Valuable Player and head coach Mel Tjeerdsma was named MIAA Coach of the Year for the fourth consecutive season.

"I am very pleased with the way things came out," Tjeerdsma said. "There are always some surprises and some guys who didn't get what you wanted. But to have seven on the first team and 14 others honored is great."

The players selected to the first team are as follows: offense — Greisen, senior running back Derek Lane, sophomore wide receiver Tony Miles, senior offensive linebacker Steve Coppinger; defense — junior defensive lineman Aaron Becker, senior linebacker Aaron Crowe and senior defensive back Twan Young.

Tjeerdsma said the MIAA Coach of the Year award is more of a group honor than an individual one.

"I feel good about it, but it is a compliment to the staff," Tjeerdsma said. "Sometimes when you win and you were expected to win, people say you should have had a good year and they overlook that team for this award. But it is a real honor for our staff. Everybody knows how I feel about our staff and the great job they do."

The All-MIAA second team includes sophomore tight end Mark Maus, senior offensive linemen Jay Eilers and Sherman Wilderness, Miles, junior kicker David Purnell, junior defensive end Alan Buckwalter and senior defensive back Brian Sutton.

Honorable mention players were junior defensive lineman Matt Voge, sophomore linebacker Wes Simmons, sophomore linebacker Brian Williams, senior defensive back Daniel Keys, junior defensive back Greg Wayne and junior punter Jeff LeBlanc.

Spikers close, sweep rivals

by Barry Platt
Missourian Reporter

The Northwest volleyball team ended its season on a positive note, earning three-game sweeps of Missouri Southern and Pittsburg State in Bearcat Arena last weekend.

The 'Cats defeated the Lions for the second time this season, 15-11, 15-5 and 16-14 on Friday. Abby Sunderman, sophomore middle hitter, led Northwest with 16 kills, while sophomore setter Abby Wilms collected 42 assists. Lindsay Heck, junior middle hitter, and Jill Quast, sophomore outside hitter, led the 'Cats defensively with three blocks and 16 digs, respectively.

Northwest closed out its season with its second victory of the year over the Gorillas, 15-5, 15-5 and 15-7 on Saturday.

Sunderman led the way for Northwest, posting 11 kills and seven blocks, while Wilms helped the Bearcat offense with 35 assists. Head coach Sarah Pelster said the wins were important.

"That's how we wanted to end the season," she said. "It was a good weekend for us."

Northwest finished the year 21-12 and went 7-9 in the MIAA conference. The 'Cats' fifth-place finish in the conference was an improvement on last season's eighth-place finish and on the coaches' preseason seventh-place prediction this season.

"I'm very pleased with our overall record and the fact that we did better than we were predicted to do and better than we did last year," Pelster said. "We still have a predominantly young team, and we had a lot of injuries this year. There was rarely a match when we didn't have somebody injured. With all that happened this year, I think we came through it and responded well."

Quast said the highlights of the year were finishing 4-0 in the University of Alabama-Huntsville Tournament and defeating Emporia State to start the conference season.

"I was happy that we picked up our overall play from last year, and we had players really step up and perform well when we needed them to," Quast said. "We had a lot of injuries this year, and when we needed players to step up and respond because of that, we were able to do a pretty good job of it."

With no seniors on this year's squad, the future looks good for the Northwest volleyball program, Pelster said.

"I'm really excited," Quast said. "We improved a lot this year. Next year, we will have to push a lot harder than we did this year. We set some pretty high goals for this season, and I'm guessing we will set those same high goals next year."

Quast was named to the MIAA first team and Sunderman received an honorable mention Wednesday.



Junior middle hitter Lindsay Heck goes up for a block during Saturday's game against MIAA rival Pittsburg State. Heck helped the Bearcats to a victory over the Gorillas with three blocks. The 'Cats ended their season with a record of 21-12 overall and 7-9 in the MIAA.

Jason Myers/Contributing Photographer

Extra point

Playoff system works, perfect record or not



■ Mike Ransdell

ing the Missouri State High School Athletic Association.

Let's be honest, neither one of those articles would have attacked the MSHSAA if Maryville had defeated Chillicothe. The simple fact is had Maryville won the game, it would not be an issue.

Jennifer Meyer's My Turn said the MSHSAA had "cheated" the Spoofhounds out of a chance for a state championship. I was in attendance when those 14 seniors she spoke of ended their high school careers. I also saw the pain on their faces and did truly feel bad for them. She also stated all they will remember is being "cheated" by the MSHSAA.

I doubt when these seniors look back on the 1998 season, or even the game two weeks ago, they will think they were "cheated." I hope they will focus on the nearly perfect season they put together and the awesome talent this team of Spoofhounds possessed.

It's fine to have your opinion on how the playoff system works. But if you are going to attack the system, then you should at least offer a viable solution.

Mark Hornickel's column shared the same opinion Jennifer had, but he did offer a solution. Mark said they should incorporate brackets like they have in college basketball and professional sports. Well, even college basketball teams with losing records make the NCAA tournament if they sweep their conference tournament. It's not

right to compare high school football to college and pro sports; they should be different.

The MSHSAA does have brackets, but you have to make the playoffs before you are put in them. It's ridiculous to think they could bracket all the districts. The boys would be playing football in February.

The MSHSAA could go back to the way things used to be in the 1960's. The association would pick 16 teams, based on a point system. Points were awarded to teams that beat bigger schools. Points were also taken away for playing smaller schools. Some may argue that at least the undefeated would go to the playoffs. That wasn't the case in 1968 and 1969 when Chillicothe went undefeated but was overlooked by the MSHSAA for the state playoffs, because they didn't play the right schools to earn enough points. Tell the kids who played on those teams it is "unfair" Maryville didn't make the playoffs; they didn't even get a chance. Maryville did get a chance, they just didn't take advantage of it.

The way the three game district playoff is set up is fair for everyone. Schools play schools of the same size. If you lose to a larger school in your first six games, you still have a shot at the playoffs by beating the teams in your district. A team that goes undefeated against six quality teams should be able to win three games against teams in its own district. The system is fair and to call it "cheating" is a bit extreme. I understand the way it ended for Maryville this season is tough to swallow, but let's stop blaming the system and look forward to next year.

Whether you agree or disagree with the way the playoff system works, I would like to hear your comments. You may contact me at ransdell@rocketmail.com.

Mike Ransdell is the assistant photographer for The Northwest Missourian.

Runners prepare for national meet

by Wendy Broker
Contributing Reporter

The weekend of big sporting events for Northwest will extend into Monday as the men's cross country team takes on the nation in hopes of bringing home high honors and a trophy from the NCAA Division II championship.

The men earned entry into the national meet by placing in the top five at their regional meet.

"We can't focus on the regional win," coach Rich Alsup said. "It was exciting and fun, we had a hoorah, and then it was over. Right now we are on the right track, and the train

is coming. If we don't watch out, we're going to get run over. We just have to keep moving. If we do our best at nationals, the rest will take care of itself."

Team morale is high as they prepare to take on tough competition, including four teams the Bearcats beat at the Great Lakes Regional meet and MIAA rivals Central Missouri State and Pittsburg State.

"We're trying to stay positive — we think we have a good chance at nationals," senior Don Ferree said. "Our main concern is getting through another week of practice and not concentrating on the race

until the night before."

Ferree said the runners will have to be competitive at the meet.

"We've been successful so far this season, and we've never sold ourselves short," Ferree said. "We've always thought we could compete with the big dogs. If we all run our best race, that's all we can ask."

The team is looking to place above last year's No. 13 finish.

"I don't think there are a lot of teams in the country better than these guys," Alsup said. "We have been running well, so we are not ruling anything out. They would like to bring back one of the trophies; to do that, they must finish fourth. But

none of these guys are running just to finish fourth."

Alsup said the runners would practice similar to the way they did prior to the regional meet.

"We won't have ungodly hard practices, but not very easy practices either," Alsup said. "We will have some good, solid maintenance workouts. They have responded well to that approach, and it's working, don't change it."

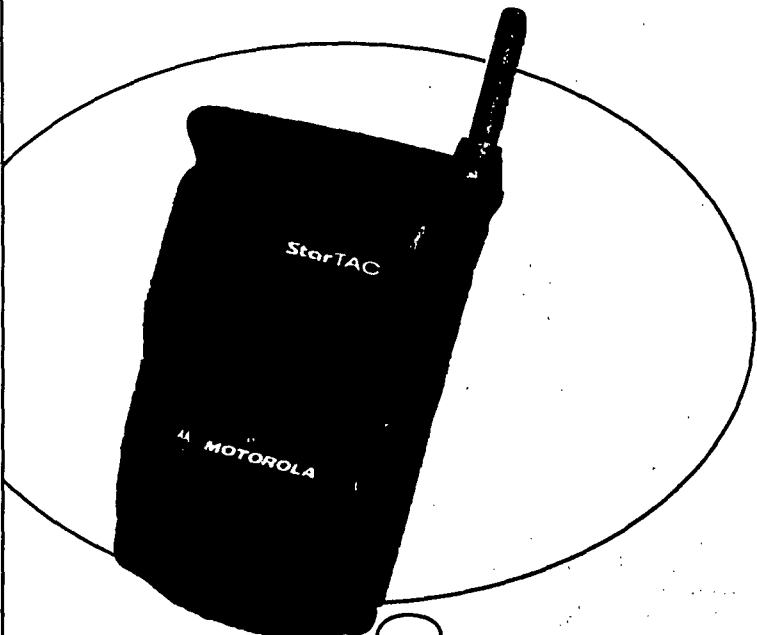
The Division II championships will be the last cross country meet for three seniors — Ferree, Robby Lane and Brian Cornelius. The fourth senior on the squad, Corey Parks, will be cheering on the sidelines

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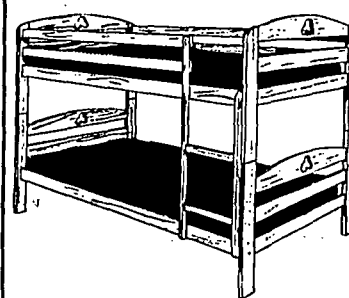
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Bearcats start with victory

by Mark Hornickel
Sports Editor

After opening its season with a 70-62 victory Saturday night, the Bearcat basketball team will play host to the Ryland Milner Classic this weekend in Bearcat Arena.

The 'Cats struggled at times during Saturday night's opener against Benedictine College, but head coach Steve Tappemeyer said the team would work hard in practice this week.

"It's a great time to have another good week of practice now," Tappemeyer said. "We have stuff. We know where our weaknesses are and what we have to work on. We have tape to show them and some guys see it and they make big jumps off of that. So, it will be a good intense week taking it into the Milner tournament. We're looking forward to that, and I really think you'll see a different team on the floor Friday night."

The Bearcats victory over the Ravens was a good opening win for the team, but Tappemeyer said the team still has to improve.

"I thought we were further along than what we showed," Tappemeyer said. "I think part of it was the first game, losing concentration rather than playing the team style defense. Everybody started hugging their own men and not getting the help they needed. I think part of it's due to the first game and part of it's just things we're going to have to iron out on the practice floor."

Northwest held a 40-29 lead at halftime. In the second half, Northwest maintained control through much of the second half. But a five-point spurt from the Ravens in a span of 25 seconds, pulled Benedictine to within five points with two minutes left to play.

'Cats' senior guard Mike Morley



Forward Leonard Fields looks past the arm of a Benedictine College defender in search of a teammate. The Bearcat men's basketball team opened its season with a victory and will play host to Graceland College Friday night.

nailed a three-point basket from the top of the key to make it 66-58 with 1:47 left to play and helped Northwest hold on for an eight-point victory.

Senior transfer forward Marcus Glenn led the Bearcats with 15 points in his debut at Northwest, and he's a player that the fans will like to see, Tappemeyer said.

"He's a good player," Tappemeyer said. "I think we didn't free him up

and get him in very good scoring opportunities. He's a guy that's gotta be able to score. He can score in and out. He usually plays pretty tough. Tonight he really struggled, but we need him to peak in (former Bearcat forward Brian) Burleson's spot on defense, and he's really capable of defending."

Northwest, now 1-0, will be in action at 8 p.m. Friday when they face off with Graceland College.



Members of the women's basketball team try to defend an inbound pass in Friday night's exhibition game against the Nebraska All-Stars. Junior center

Denise Sump chipped in 21 points, but the 'Cats were defeated by the All-Stars, 78-42. The 'Cats will be in action Friday against William Penn in Bearcat Arena.

Women experience shooting woes

by Travis Dimmitt
Missourian Reporter

The Bearcat women's basketball team started cold and finished colder against the Nebraska All-Stars Friday night in Bearcat Arena. Northwest was trounced in its final exhibition game, 78-42.

The 'Cats shot an icy 11 of 29 from the field in the first half. Northwest's defense induced the All-Stars into frigid shooting of their own, and the 'Cats clawed back to a 30-30 tie at the break.

Northwest went downhill in the second half. What had been a

flurry of missed shots turned quickly into an avalanche. The 'Cats connected on three shots in 35 attempts after halftime. For the second time in as many exhibition games, Northwest's three-point shooting went south for the winter. The Bearcats were 0-13 from downtown in the second-half, and four of 25 from beyond the three-point line for the game.

The only shooting star for Northwest was an interior player, junior center Denise Sump. She finished with 21 points.

Junior forward Linda Mattson ripped down 12 boards for the Bearcats. The 'Cats out-rebounded the

All-Stars, 48-41.

Head coach Wayne Winstead said the team is still working hard.

"They still have a great attitude," Winstead said. "The kids that were having a hard time getting their shots to fall are kids that in the past are proven. They're proven shooters. All good athletes have butterflies before games. That's basically one of the reasons we play exhibition games, to get some of those things behind us."

Northwest opens its regular season with the Ryland Milner Classic this weekend. The 'Cats will play William Penn at 6 p.m. Friday in Bearcat Arena.

In Brief

Team roper places

A Northwest student placed first among 143 teams at a recent rodeo competition.

Senior Jay Nellesen and his roping partner, Brian Hermalbracht from Panhandle State University, took first place in the team roping competition in Alva, Okla., on Oct. 29 and 30.

"He's been very consistent all

year," said Duane Jewell, Northwest Rodeo adviser. "It takes two people to do it, and he was fortunate enough to be paired with another individual that did just as well."

In team roping competition, two people are paired up in order to rope a steer. One individual must rope the steer's neck, while the other must rope the steer's back two legs.

The team will be in competition again Feb. 26-28 at Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kan.

Club plays in tourney

The Northwest Women's soccer club traveled to national competition in Atlanta this week.

The soccer club finished its regular season with a win over Nebraska-Lincoln on Oct. 25, earning a record of 6-2.

The club, coached by Greg Roper, assistant professor of English, will become a varsity sport next year.

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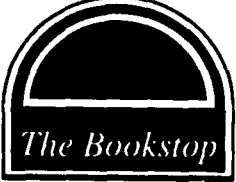
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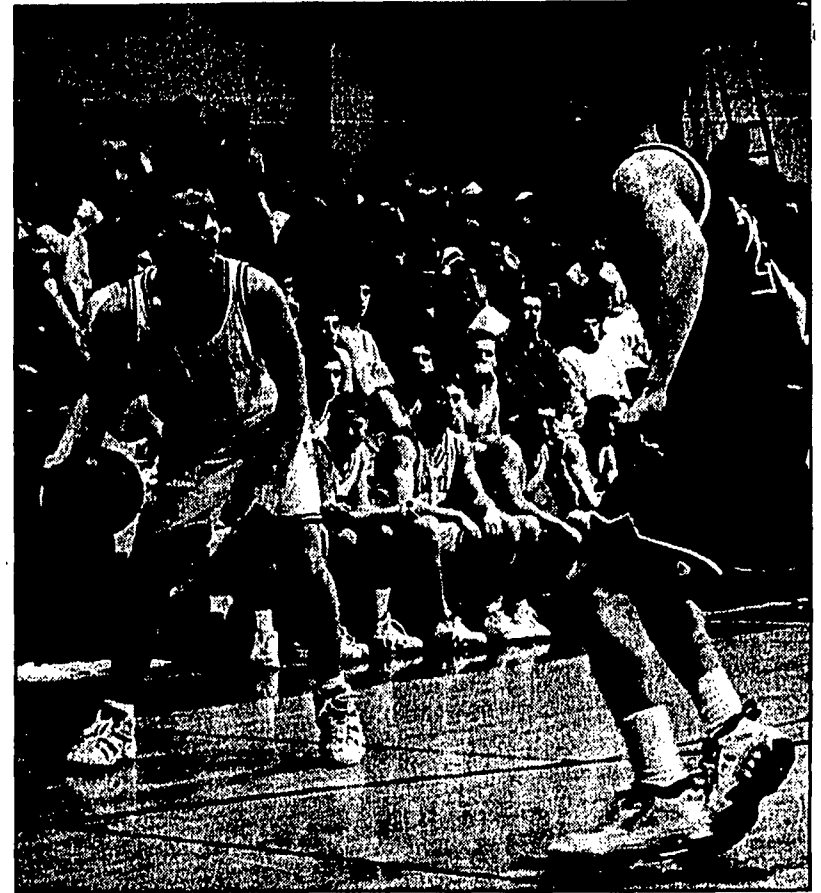


Friends competing for the fun of it

Four Maryville seniors have been playing sports together since the fourth-grade. Now they will face their final season together.

Maryville high school seniors Mike Nanninga, Russ Weiderholt, Adam Otte, John Edmonds and Nick Glasnapp watch the Bearcats' football game on Saturday. The boys were in attendance for Northwest athletics recruiting day.

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Photography Director



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Maryville senior John Edmonds looks to pass the ball during a 'Hounds' basketball game last year. The 'Hounds' earned a 22-5 record last year and will open this year's season against Shenandoah on Dec. 1.

by Blake Drehle
Missourian Reporter

When the clock struck zero for the Maryville football team Nov. 6, four high school seniors found themselves lost and disappointed after losing for a second straight year to the Chillicothe Hornets.

Seniors Adam Otte, Nick Glasnapp, Mike Nanninga and John Edmonds were key players on this year's 8-1 Maryville football team.

They wanted to be the ones to lead the Spoofhounds back into the state playoffs, but the team fell short of accomplishing its goal. However, they have a second chance to make it to state competition in another sport. They are on an experienced Spoofhound basketball team that went 22-5 last year.

Otte was disappointed about the way things turned out, but said things will be all right in the upcoming basketball season.

"I can't describe the large feeling of loss that I had that Friday

night," Otte said. "There is nothing you can do about it. Just go on into the basketball season confident you can win."

Nanninga said he believes in helping to lead the basketball team to win.

"We had high hopes for the football season that came to an abrupt end," Nanninga said. "The thing that we need to do now is to take this disappointing emotion and turn it around so that we can make a run for state."

Chuck Lliteras, head football coach, was also hurt by the way the season ended for the football team, but he doesn't see the seniors taking memories of their football loss into the basketball season negatively.

"This crew keeps things in proper perspective," Lliteras said. "What happened in football will help them in winter sports. They must overcome obstacles like this."

Edmonds said he enjoyed the football season more because of the team's ability to play and grow closer as a team, and, in addition, it is more physical.

Things will be good for the bas-

ketball team this season because this group of seniors has been together for so long, Edmonds said.

"We have been playing together since the fourth-grade," he said. "When we stay as a team, we do well and things get accomplished."

Besides football and basketball, the boys have also participated in track, baseball and summer swimming.

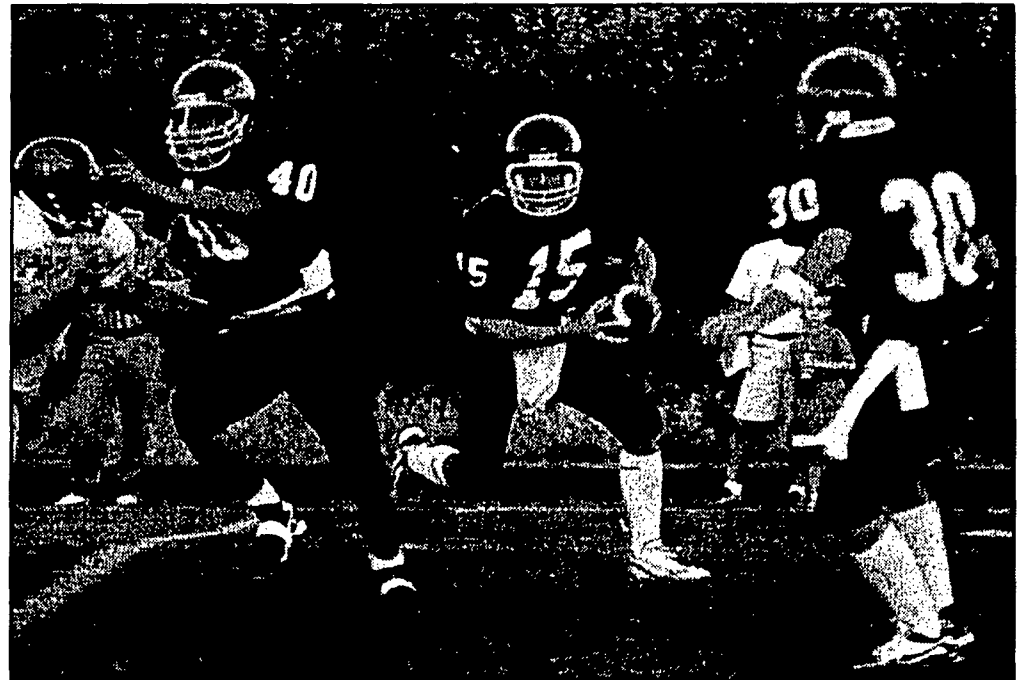
Lliteras said the group of athletes will do fine in its ability to play sports.

"If it was left to their athleticism, it will be a good season for them," he said. "They are good role models who believe in each other and who don't play selfishly."

Head basketball coach Mike Kuwitzky said he is confident the seniors will be ready for the season.

"The football players will be very focused on the season," Kuwitzky said. "This is a great group of kids who want to do well as a team."

Kuwitzky and Lliteras said they know what this group of seniors can do and are proud to coach them because of the way they play as a team.

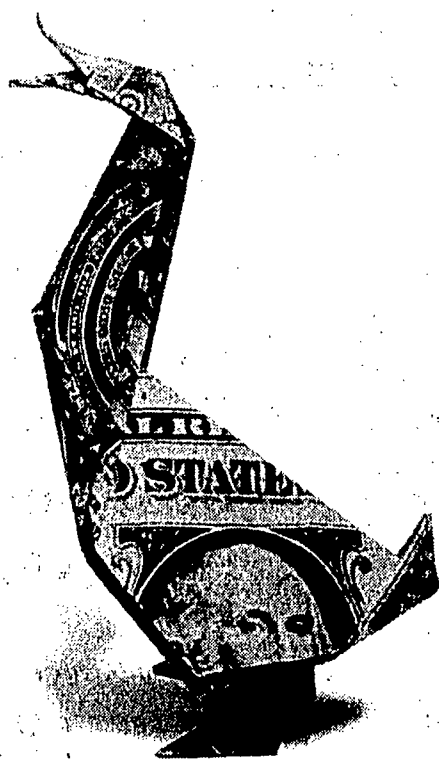


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Mike Nanninga, No. 40, sets up a block as senior quarterback Nick Glasnapp prepares to pitch the ball to running back Adam Otte. The three seniors were a vital part of the Spoofhounds' football team,

that went 8-1 on the season and will now show their abilities on the basketball court this winter. With last year's 22-5 performance, the team should have another shot at the playoffs.

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The Stroller

Your Man enjoys campus humor



The Stroller

Idle comments heard around campus should be CAPs act

Your Man paid close attention to things that were said and done around campus this week and has decided to discuss his observations in this week's column.

I didn't know people in the Student Union could put on such a comedy show. As Your Man sat down to eat on various occasions this week, he heard a few random things. Now, the Stroller was not being nosy by any means. These things were simply heard totally out of the blue and were so funny I wanted to go up to these people and encourage them to go to CAPs and Encore and ask if they could star in a show this year. Heck, these people would be funnier and more exciting than the acts we've had so far this year.

The first thing I overheard was a conversation between two young ladies. The conversation appeared to be intense and then one of the girls said, "He asked me if I wanted to share a baby." Now, I'd be curious to know what the young lady's response was to the question.

Then, as I strolled to the counter to make my decision on what type of food I wanted that evening, I observed a young lady walk away, at which time she said to her companion, "Everything I see makes me want to puke." Your Man's thoughts on that statement: don't take it for granted. It could be worse. There are starving people in Africa.

The next person I ran across obviously felt otherwise. Since prices for food on this campus are about as high as President Hubbard's salary, I took about \$100 off my Bearcat card with the purchase of a sandwich, chips and a beverage.

Then I found a table and took a seat to eat my meal. At that point I observed a rather large gentleman finishing off the last bite of his meal. He got up from his chair and told his friends, "I'm going to go make myself fatter."

Finally, after I had concluded my meal, I began walking out of the grand ol' Union and was passed by a few rowdy young men.

They were discussing their plans for the evening, and one of them said, "I'm gonna drink 'til I spew." Yeah, that's always fun. I wonder if those guys met up with the girl that wanted to puke with everything she sees?

And, of course, Your Man's eyes were also peeled at the football game Saturday. One thing that made Your Man rather upset was when he saw a referee take a piece of chewing gum out of his pocket. He put the gum in his mouth and then crumpled up the wrapper and tossed it on the ground. Now, as a quality campus, we here at Northwest should not stand for that. We can't have people trashing our campus with litter.

At halftime, I took pleasure in observing the Bearcat Marching Band. I must say the band is much improved this year and extremely exciting to watch. On Saturday, I was extremely impressed with the composition of one Northwest band member. The song was called "Not Without Honor," and man, when the band performed the song, it sent chills down my spine. So to the band members — job well done. You guys have musical talents I often wish I had.

Finally, I observed the puny Hornet mascot that was representing Emporia State. Our own Bobby Bearcat was almost two times the size of that Hornet. It's probably a good thing Northwest's athletic director broke up the little pre-game boxing match between the two mascots.

It's no wonder the Hornets have such a dorky little mascot, though, after the way our mighty Bearcats made the Emporia State football team look Saturday. Despite the fact we trailed 14-0 in the first quarter, our team didn't panic and we came back to slaughter the opponent. Now we've got bragging rights to a three-time conference championship, and there's no looking back now. It's on to the playoffs, baby.

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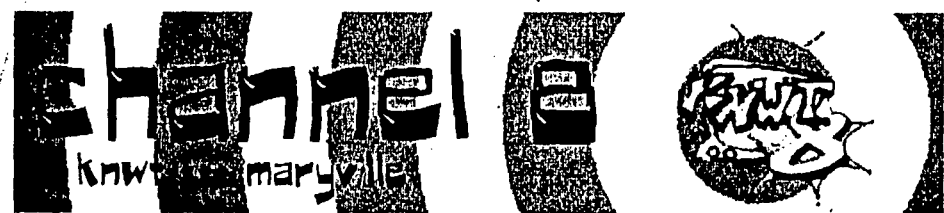


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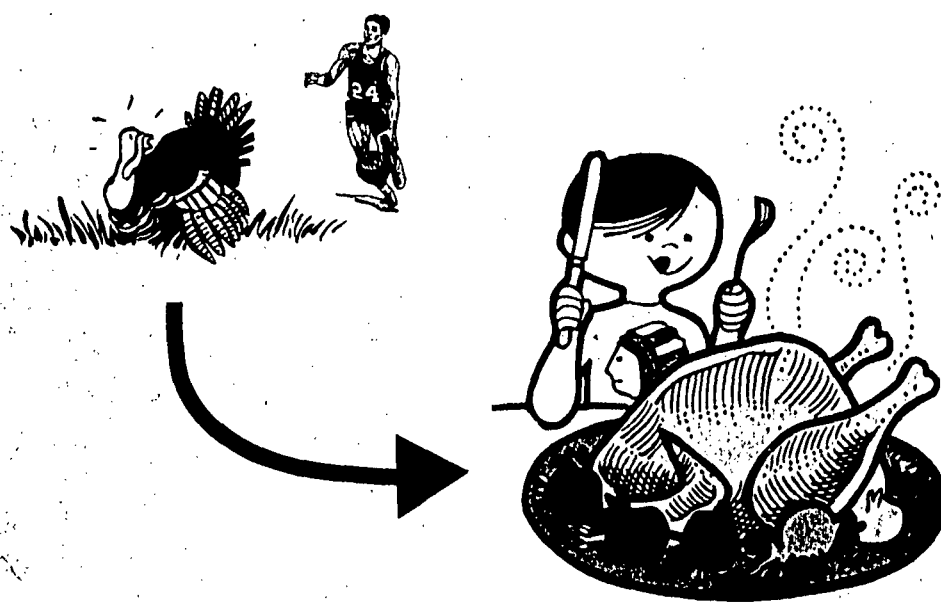
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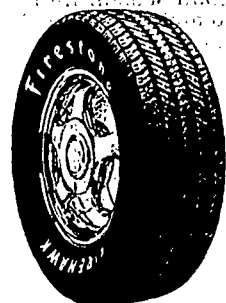
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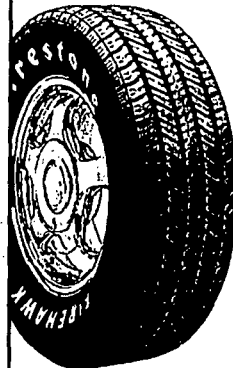
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Buttin' out

Great American Smokeout encourages people to quit smoking for one day to prove to them it is possible to quit.



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Today marks The Great American Smokeout, sponsored by the American Cancer Society. Smokers are encouraged to refrain from smoking, and instead use the day to prove to

themselves that they can go a day without smoking. The society has also developed a plan to combat smoking called Commit to Quit, which is made up of three phases.

by Matt Armstrong
Missourian Reporter

The 22nd annual Great American Smokeout is a day to "butt out" of the habit of smoking. The American Cancer Society asks those who smoke to realize the harmful effects of the addiction today.

The Smokeout began in 1977 and was organized by the American Cancer Society. The plan is to deter regular smokers from smoking for one day proving they can stop. According to the American Cancer Society, this day has caused more people to quit smoking than any other day of the year, even more than New Year's Day resolutions.

The Great American Smokeout is a chance for those who smoke to put an end to the habit. According to the American Cancer Society, millions of Americans will "stub out" their cigarettes today.

The program focuses its attention on teens. According to the CNN website, every day around 6,000 teens under the age of 18 smoke their first cigarette.

The Great American Smokeout also strives to convince teens that smokeless tobacco is not a safe alternative to smoking.

According to ABCNEWS.com, cigarette smoking among college students is climbing. A 28 percent jump in the past four years has caused health officials to take action in preventing tobacco-caused diseases.

According to U.S. News & World Report Online, last year 26 percent of smokers participated in the Great American Smokeout, which is 8 percent more than the year before. An estimated 3 million Americans stop smoking every year.

The American Cancer Society not only uses the Great American Smokeout to urge people not to smoke, but it also promotes tobacco awareness.

Cigarettes and cigarette smoke contains over 4,000 chemicals, including 43 known to cause cancer. These chemicals are added during the processing of tobacco farming and cigarette production, according to the American Cancer Society.

Nicotine is a natural ingredient in tobacco, but it is not the agent that causes cancer. It does, however, cause the addiction.

Each time a person inhales from a cigarette it releases nicotine straight to his brain, causing the smoker to desire another. Even after one has given up nicotine, the desire to smoke may still be present long

after quitting.

According to the American Cancer Society, almost 20 percent of Americans die from tobacco use and 30 percent of all cancer related deaths are attributed to smoking.

According to U.S. News Online, the average smoker spends around \$900 a year on cigarettes.

To stop the habit, the American Cancer Society has devised a plan called Commit to Quit. It consists of three phases.

First, a person must decide to quit. According to the American Cancer Society, each smoker has his own reason to quit, perhaps because of family, kids or themselves.

Support programs may be needed to help overcome the physical and behavioral aspects of smoking.

Some popular methods used to quit smoking, according to the American Cancer Society, are to quit cold turkey, meaning smoking stops all together, or by gradually decreasing the regular amount of cigarettes smoked each day.

Nicotine replacement therapy, which involves the use of nicotine gum or a patch, reduces the amount of nicotine intake during the course of treatment.

According to the American Cancer Society, coping with the nicotine

cravings should be handled by the 4 D's: deep breaths; drinking lots of water; doing something else to take the person's mind off the cravings; and delaying reaching for a cigarette.

The decision to quit can be a difficult one, but there are ways to combat the addiction.

"I just quit last week and I can't stand the smell anymore, so I know other people can quit if they put their mind to it," said Becky Conway, business management major.

Smoking is a problem for a lot of people, and stopping can seem almost impossible.

"I quit for 10 hours and couldn't deal with it, so I don't think I could make it a whole day without smoking," art major Amy Proehl said.

The Great American Smokeout gives smokers hope for the future in battling their habit.

"I think it's a good idea, because it might just convince people to stop smoking for good," said Erin Caselman, family and consumer science major.

The message behind the event is a good way to try and stop smoking, but some comment that it is not publicized widely enough.

"It's a great motivator if people knew about it, but it's not publicized very extensively," broadcasting major Ryan Fouts said.

Body adaptations after smokers quit:

- **20 minutes after quitting:** blood pressure goes down, pulse rate drops to normal, and the temperature of one's hands and feet increases to normal.
- **24 hours after quitting:** the chance of a heart attack decreases.
- **48 hours after quitting:** the ability to taste and smell is enhanced.
- **Two to three months after quitting:** circulation improves, walking becomes easier and lung function increases as much as 30 percent.
- **One to nine months after quitting:** coughing, sinus congestion, fatigue and shortness of breath decreases. The lungs are cleaner and less vulnerable to infection as well.
- **After one year of not smoking:** the risk of coronary heart disease is 50 percent less than those who smoke.

RHA attempts to pass smoking ban

by Michelle Murphy
Missourian Reporter

The trend to ban smoking may be hitting closer to home than many Northwest students think.

Residential Hall Association is in the process of conducting a survey on Northwest students, who live on campus, determining how they would feel about eventually banning smoking in all residence halls.

"This year we are in the process of reintroducing a proposal to phase out smoking," said Andrew Saeger, RHA policies chairman. "We want to conduct surveys around campus to see how students would feel about this type of policy."

The proposal is to ban smoking in all residence halls. It will take a period of three to six years to completely ban smoking in residence halls.

"If it were to pass, students wouldn't be able to smoke in the residential halls," Saeger said. "They'll have to go outside, and they'll also have to be in a certain area away from the building, such as within 30 feet."

The first time the policy was introduced to RHA was last year. RHA agreed to research students' reactions.

The proposed policy was

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— Jealaine Vaccaro, RHA president

stopped last year by Residential Life and Student Affairs because no research was done. This year, RHA has been doing research on how banning smoking has worked for other universities in Missouri.

"We've called other schools and have gone through textbooks that have conducted research on secondhand smoke and how it affects people," RHA president Jealaine Vaccaro said. "But what that research was missing was student input. What we are trying to do now is find out what students here at Northwest want. That's why RHA will be conducting our research with a survey to see where it goes."

If this were to go into effect, there are several processes that would need to be completed before it becomes a policy.

The policy would need to be

approved by the RHA executive board, Residential Life, Student Affairs and the Board of Regents.

"We're not trying to deny people from smoking," Vaccaro said. "The residence rooms are homes to those that wish to smoke, but the rooms are also homes to other people. The general idea, if it was to go through, would be a slow phase out, we're not going to go cold turkey and throw the policy in effect right away."

The survey is being conducted to get a viewpoint on student reactions.

"Some people will oppose, which is why we are conducting a survey," Vaccaro said. "We're putting feelers out to see the reaction."

Some students at Northwest who know about the proposal said that it is an infringement on their

rights.

"If something like that were to go into effect, it would be infringing our right to smoke," said Karen Warner, Phillips Hall resident. "If you're 18, then it's not illegal to smoke. The policy sounds dumb and it won't pass. Too many people here on campus smoke. Next thing you know, they won't even let us smoke outside."

Not all students are against the policy. Some students said the policy would be beneficial.

"Maybe it's for selfish reasons, but I hope something like this banning smoking in residence halls would pass," said Abby Heath, Millikan Hall fifth floor resident assistant. "I know it's harmful to be around secondhand smoke. It would be beneficial to the residence halls. Something like this policy probably wouldn't pass though. Even if there was such a rule, the smokers would probably find a way to retaliate against it some how."

RHA is proposing this policy because they think the it would benefit students in the long run.

"RHA is just trying to do what is best for a living and educational environment," Vaccaro said. "If residents at Northwest are against this then we won't push it no more. It'll be dropped."



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The Residence Hall Association is attempting to ban smoking in all residence halls to make the living and educational environment better for students. RHA is hoping on-campus that all students will take part in a survey they are distributing to find out their reaction to the proposed ban. A complete ban of smoking in the halls would take from three to six years to implement. There are also several processes to go through if this were to become a policy. Final approval would ultimately come from the Board of Regents.

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Florence or Bust

*Head coach Mel Tjeerdsma
and the Bearcats begin their
descent on Florence, Ala.,
for a National Championship*

South region

#3 Carson-Newman (Tenn.) (9-1)

Carson-Newman is making its 13th straight appearance in the playoffs. The Eagles captured their sixth-straight South Atlantic Conference Championship with a perfect 7-0 record in conference play. The Eagles have the fourth-ranked rushing offense in the nation, averaging 300 yards per game.

#18 West Georgia (10-1)

The Braves are making their first playoff appearance since 1986. West Georgia tied for the Gulf South Conference Championship. Quarterback Jeremy Clements passed for 1,774 yards and 21 touchdowns this year. The Braves' defense is among the nation's best, allowing just 13.3 points per game.

#12 Fort Valley State (Ga.) (10-1)

The Wildcats received a bid for the 16-team playoff field for the first time since 1985. Quarterback Renotto Solomon drives the Wildcats' offense, passing for 1,535 yards this season and a 138.4 passing efficiency. On defense, the Wildcats have held opposing quarterbacks to a low passing efficiency of 90.6.

#17 Delta State (Miss.) (8-2)

The Statesmen were rewarded with their first NCAA Division II playoff berth and took a share of the Gulf South Conference Championship. DSU has allowed opposing quarterbacks to complete just 43 percent of their passes. Opposing teams gained an average of 273 yards in total offense against the Statesmen.

Northeast region

#5 Slippery Rock (Pa.) (10-1)

Slippery Rock is sparked by its defense. Opposing teams have gained just 899 yards rushing and average 256.4 yards per game against Slippery Rock. Brian Polk ranks fifth in the nation with eight interceptions for 135 yards in 10 games.

#14 Grand Valley State (Mich.) (9-2)

Quarterback Jeff Fox leads Grand Valley State's fourth-ranked offense. Fox has passed for 2,884 yards and 28 touchdowns. Receiver Jason Trice has caught 58 passes for 862 yards this year. Kick returner Billy Cook is ranked fifth, averaging 30.8 yards per return. The team averages 38.5 points per game.

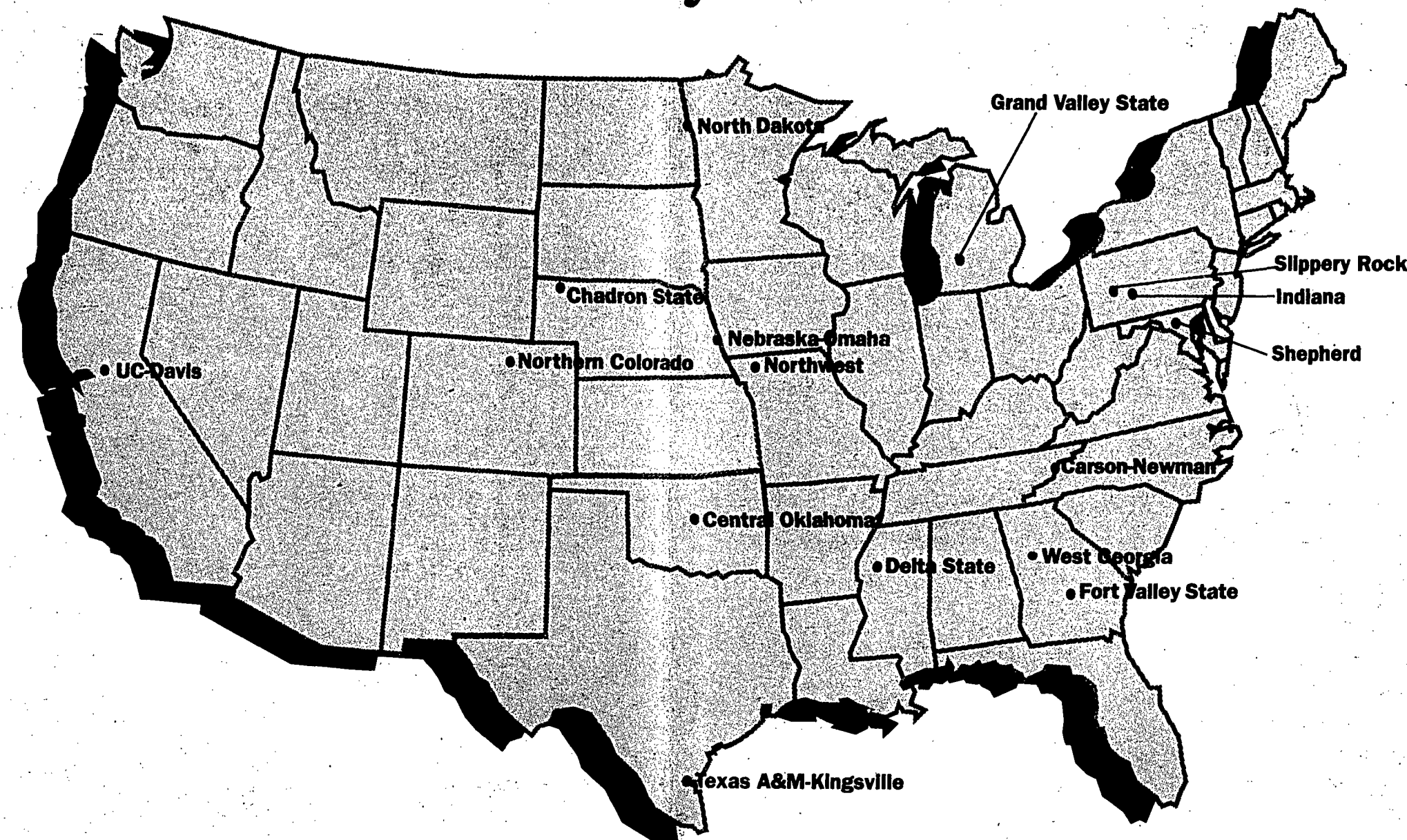
#8 Indiana (Pa.) (9-1)

Indiana averages 215.5 rushing yards and 32 points per game. On defense, the team ranks fifth in rushing yards allowed, giving up just 703 rushing yards this season, while giving up an average of 261 total yards per game.

#13 Shepherd (W. Va.) (9-1)

Shepherd is led by the West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletics Conference's all-time leading rusher Damian Beane. He is ranked second in the nation, averaging 179.1 yards per game. Shepherd's fifth-ranked defense has allowed just 499 rushing yards this season.

Where do they come from?



Midwest region

#2 Northwest (11-0)

The Bearcats were crowned MIAA champions for the third consecutive year. Quarterback Chris Grelsen leads the Bearcats' top-ranked scoring offense with 2,658 yards passing. Receiver Tony Miles averaged 160.7 all-purpose yards per game. On defense, the Bearcats held their opponents to 16.5 points per game.

#16 Nebraska-Omaha (9-2)

Nebraska-Omaha captured its fourth North Central Conference title. Quarterback Ed Thompson leads the Nebraska-Omaha offense with over 1,000 yards passing and 1,000 yards rushing. The Mavericks' top receiver is MarTay Jenkins, averaging 49.1 yards per game.

#6 Northern Colorado (10-1)

The Bears are the two-time defending national champions and earned a share of the North Central Conference title. The Bears' offense is led by top-ranked quarterback Corte McGuffey. He passed for 2,331 yards and 32 touchdowns this season. On defense, the Bears allowed an average of 273.3 yards per game.

#7 North Dakota (8-2)

The Fighting Sioux are making their sixth playoff appearance. Running back Phillip Moore leads the powerful Sioux offense averaging 171.9 rushing yards and 10.6 points per game. North Dakota ranks among the top defensive teams, allowing just 15 points per game.

West region

#1 Central Oklahoma (11-0)

The Bronchos nailed down the Lone Star Conference Championship. Central features a tailback tandem of Reggie Donner and Ryan Logan; both surpassed the 1,000 yard mark this year. The Bronchos tough defense allows just 7.5 points and 242.7 total yards per game, and ranks first in passing defense.

#19 Chadron State (Neb.) (9-2)

Chadron State features linebacker Kevin Homer as part of a defense that has given up just 905 yards rushing this year and allows 15.1 yards per game. On offense, the team averages 404.7 yards per game in total offense, including 234.4 yards per game of passing offense.

#4 UC Davis (10-1)

The Aggies' offense is ranked 10th in the nation. The team is led by quarterback Kevin Daft, who set a single game record with 495 yards passing Saturday. John Shoemaker is the Aggies' leading receiver with 49 catches for 697 yards.

#11 Texas A&M-Kingsville (9-2)

Texas A&M-Kingsville is ranked seventh in the nation, averaging 270.9 rushing yards per game. The team's defense ranks ninth in the nation, giving up an average of 245.3 yards and 16.5 yards per game.

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